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HISTORY  
OF  
FORTUNATUS.  
And his  
Two SONS.

In Two PARTS.

- I. Containing an Account of his noble Birth, remarkable Travels, and strange Adventures, in many Kingdoms; how he obtained a Purse, which supplied him with a continuance of Money, and a wishing Hat, by which he could be conveyed in an instant, to any Place which he desired to be: As also his Death at which he bequeathed his Purse and Hat to his Two Sons, with his sumptuous Funeral Monument, &c.
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# The Moral Documents and Considerations which are to be Noted in this Book.

**H**OW careless Youth to pleasure bent,  
When Wealth doth flow at will;  
Till raging Riot all hath spent,  
they never have their Will.

How falsehood wrought by flattery,  
the simple doth assail;  
When spight with open enmity,  
by no means can prevail.

How Bankrupts pincht with poverty,  
when Grace is not their stay;  
Do seek relief by Villany,  
they work their just decay.

How these with Murder do conceal,  
to plague the Lord is bent;  
Which all Men ought for to reveal  
though guiltless of consent.

How Thieves by Custom in their need  
do venture for their prey,  
Until when think best to speed  
they work their just decay.

How some that fear their State to stain,  
for dread of wordly shame;  
Will Sin procure for private gain,  
deserving no less blame.

How Venus Lust, enticing may, 12  
soon force the amorous Knight,  
His greatest Secrets to betray,  
to work his woful plight.

How Strength and Beauty soon doth fail,  
and Health and Wealth decay,  
All Fortunes Gift do nought avail,  
where Wisdom bears no sway.

How vertuous Life an honest end,  
doth commonly ensue?  
And they which Sin do still pretend,  
with violent Death shall rue.

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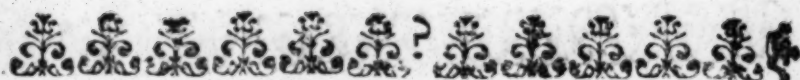
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vers Dispositions  
and final Destinies  
of Fortunatus and  
his two Sone.

TO



TO THE  
READER.

**A**S in the Writings of Fabulous Poets and witty Apothegms of *Æsop*, *Disenes*, and such like pleasant conceited Philosophers, are to be found many pithy and wise Lessons for the State of Man's Life as well as in the severall Precepts of the sage Stoicks, so in this Tragical History (tho' it be with Poetical Imaginations) is to be noted by the discreet Reader, sufficient matter concerning most Estates, to bring the Mind in remembrance of the fickleness of Fortune, of the reward of Vertue, the punishment of Vice, and the end of Folly. Also in this History is often occasion taken, partly to describe the Names, Situations, and Commodities of the chierest Countries, Merchants, Kingdoms, and Cities of the Earth, which to the valiant Mind bringeth no small Delight. These few Causes considered, I doubt not but this History shall seem to Men of good Judgment more worthy of the Printers Travel, than many vain Pamphlets, Ballads and Songs, tending only to the a trivial cloaking of Vice, and muzzing of amorous Heads therein. And forasmuch as by consideration, and in perusing thereof, I found much childish and superfluous Inventions, intermingled also with some sparks of prophane superstition, (according to the manner of penning, used in that barbarous Age) which might seem odious to the Godly, and loathsome to the Learned (the matter and substance of the History being, notwithstanding, pleasant and delightful to read) I thought it most convenient, by rejecting what was unseemly, rather to collect an Abstract of the Substance thereof in a plain and English Phrase, than to have respect to the literal Translation. Which I have not accomplished so precisely as perhaps some of our English Rhetoricians would have done, I crave pardon for my Offence, and give them leave to mend what is amiss; not doubting but the *Courteous Reader* will rather accept hereof, with the like affection as it is offered, than disdain my Ability to offer it to perfect in all Points as I would.



*The Sum and Argument of this BOOK.*

**A** Lusty Youth, in prime of Years,  
his Father's only Child,  
Who *Theoderus* had to name,  
of Courage stout and wild.  
Whose Father had by carking got,  
great store of Goods and Lands,  
Which after the deceale of him,  
sell wholly to his Hands.  
The younger vaunting to maintain  
a sumptuous stately Port,  
About the Prince's Pa'lace would  
with noble States resort.  
His Friends then fearing least he should  
by Riot soon decay,  
Got him a Wife of noble birth,  
That might him somewhat stay ;  
By whom he had a comely Son,  
in Childhood foster'd well,  
Until that Riot did him force,  
his Lands and Goods to sell:  
The Child of *Cyprus* Isle,  
the Father of the same,  
In *Famagosta* christen'd was,  
who *Fortunatus* had to name.  
When that he did his Father's Care  
and Poverty espy,  
He went from Parents privately,  
his Fortune for to try,  
So ranging through most Christian Lands,  
by fickle Fortune tost,  
His way lay by a Wilderness,  
where he was almost lost ;  
Where was given to him a Purse  
of great and precious Price,

That

*The Argument.*

That should at no time Money want  
To fulfil his device:  
The Vertue of which Purse,  
shall then forthwith decay.  
When he and all his Children should  
by Death once pass away.  
By means whereof, when he had got  
great Wealth, Renown and Fame,  
His Parents both he finding dead,  
to *Famagista* came.  
And keeping there a stately Port,  
he took to him a Wife,  
Of noble Birth with whom long time  
he led a quiet Life:  
And had by her two only Sons,  
but when he did perceive,  
That like it was no Children more  
behind him he should leave,  
He would in a Ship again depart,  
more Countries for to range;  
Among the Hea hen for to view  
such Novels as were strange;  
From whence returning home again  
by the King *Soldans* Lard,  
Co vey'd from him a precious Hat,  
delivered with his Hand.  
Which set upon the Owner's Head,  
by secret vertuous Power,  
Convey'd shou'd be where he would wish,  
in moment of an Hour.  
Soon after his return was dead,  
*Cassandra*, his dear Wife,  
And he also e'er long it was,  
to Death did yield his Life.  
The Hat and Purse to his two Sons,  
by Will he did bequest.  
In common both to use alike,  
So long as Life should last.

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## The Argament.

The elder Son *Ampedo* then  
did like to Live at Ease,  
But *Andolecia* with the Purse,  
to travel did him please.  
By Martial Feats of Chivalry,  
attaining great Renown,  
Until in *England* by mischance,  
his Pride was pulled down  
Where the King's Daughter *Agrippina*  
so had won his heart,  
That she bereft him of his Purse,  
that saus'd his woeful smart.  
He borrowing of his Brother then,  
the Wishing hat for aid,  
Thereof also for all his craft,  
was miserably betray'd.  
But in the End, by lucky chance,  
he got them both again,  
And took revenge of her at will  
to her great Shame and Pain.  
Returning *Andolecia* glad,  
with Victory thus won,  
In fine did *Agrippina* wed  
the King of *Cyprus* Son:  
Where *Andolecia* at a Feast;  
such Manhood did extend,  
That Earls twain of Malice did,  
conspire to work his end  
By absence long, then *Ampedo*  
seeing his Brother's Death,  
Thee Hat did burn, and here long  
did yie d his vital breath,  
Likewise was *Andolecia* slain,  
for whom was made great moan,  
The two Earls strived for the Purse,  
which Vertue then had none.  
Whereby the Murther was detect,  
the two Earls prest to die,  
This is the sum and who'e Effect,  
of this most pleasant HISTORY.



# *The Birth of FORTUNATUS.*

## C H A P. I.



**I**N the Isle of *Cyprus* there is a great City, called, *Famagosta*, wherein dwelt a Rich Citizen, descended of an antient and renowned Stock, whose Name was *The dorus*, unto whom his Progenitors had left so much Goods and Wealt, he esteemed himself Mighty and Puissant: He was of Age young, of Disposition lusty and given up to Pleasure, little considering the frugality and thriftness of his Ancestors, whereby they carefully augment their Goods and Possessions, which he, without Care enjoyed; so that his Mind being wholly addicted un-

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to Honour pastime and worldly Pleasure, he presumed to bear the Countenance of an high and costly Estate, by frequenting of Princes Courts, Justings, and such like martial Exercise, by which means he soon wasted much of his Goods, and Treasure. his Friends being greatly displeased with his prodegality, determined to marry him, supposing thereby to alter his mind. *Theodorus* willingly condescended to their desires; whereupon they searched to find out a comely Souse for him, which they did in the City of *Nicova* (the head of the Isle of *Cyprus*, and where their Kings keep their Courts) a noble and rich Citizen which had a fair Daughter, named *Grati-ana*, whom he forthwith gave in Marriage to *Theodorus*, without any farther inquiry what manner of Man he was whereupon she was brought to him, only upon the great fame of his Riches and Valour, and was, at her coming, entertained with a costly and sumptuous Banquet, as the manner of the rich shew at such times their wealth and magnificence: After the Feast was ended, and all things accordingly finished, every guest taking their leave, returned home, *Theodorus* taking his Spouse unto him, lived for a season friendly and veraciously with her wherewith both she

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and her Friends took great Pleasure thinking they had atchieved a very good Deed, in tamigg the wild *Theodorus* by marrying him; but yet they consider'd not the property of Nature, which bendeth only to that which she is inclined unto. So in process of time, *Gratiana* became great with Child, and was delivered before the Year was fully compleat from the Day of the Wedding, which made the Friends of both Parties exceeding glad. There was the Child christened by the Name of *Fortunatus* and altho' *Theodorus* rejoyced, yet ceased he not to follow his Diversions in Justing, keeping a Train of Men and Horses, and daily using Princes Courts, not without excessive Charges; insomuch that he began to Sell and Mortgage, now one piece of Land, and then another, leaving both Wife and Child unregarded. Then in Selling and Gaming he continued so long, that he was in such extream Poverty that he could neither keep Man, Servant or Maid, so that good *Gratiana* was forced to dress her own Meat, and wash her own Cloaths. But one Day sitting at Dinner, pretending to make good Cheer, if they had wherewithal, the Father beholding his Son, sighed from the bottom of his Heart: Which when his Son perceived, who was then Eighteen Years



Years old, and could write and read (but was expert in playing on the Lute, in Hunting and Hawking, which were his chief Pastimes) he said to his Father :

Dear Father, *What aileth you? for I perceive that whensoever you behold me, you become sad; I pray you Father have I by any means provoked you to be offended? tell me truly, and hide not your secret Thoughts from me for I am wholly determined to accomplish your will in reasonable Points.*

Then answered the Father, saying.

My dear Son, The occasion of my Grief cometh not by thee, neither can I blame any Creature but my self only; for the pinching penary which now I sustain, have I my self caused. and therefore I call to mind the great Honour and Wealth that I lately enjoyed, and now am utterly deprived of, which my Ancestors have so carefully spared, as I ought to have done, for the Maintainance of our progeny in Honour, and Dignity, the which alas, I have altogether neglected; when I call to mind how far unable I am to help and succour thee my only Child, this is the Hearts Grief that vexeth me both Night and Day. This doubles my sorrows, that all these my most familiar Companions, to whom I so frankly imparted my Goods, and now abandoned my Company, and that I am so little welcome unto them.

To this answereth Fortunatus saying.

Dearly beloved Father, cast off your mourning, and take no such immoderate Care for me, for I am young strong and healthy; I will travel into far and unknown Countries to serve you; in the World by hard adventuring there happeneth to many good Fortune, wherof

I doubt not but by the help of God some part shall fall to my Lot. As for your father, you have business of the King's him may you serve, and it is not like that he will suffer you or my Mother long to continue in any great want. Leave off therefore (I pray you) those Tears on my behalf; for I have not been so ill trained up (I thank God and you for it) but I can shift for my self.

With this went *Fortunatus* out of the House with a Hawk on his Fist toward the Seacoast, pondering with himself what he might best do, in absence from his Father's sight, that he might be no more griev'd thereby; as he thus walked up and down by the Seaside, he saw a Galley of *Venice* coming from *Jerusalem*, wherein was an Earl of *Flanders*, who had lost two of his men by the Way. But as the Earl had no Business with the King, and that the Patron of the Vessel caused a sign to be given by sound of Trumpet, that every one should speedily come aboard, the Earl, with many other Gentlemen came forthwith, which *Fortunatus* seeing thought in his Mind, would God I might be one of this great Lord's Men, to accompany him, that I might be rid of my Country *Cyprus*: With that he stepped boldly to the Earl, making low Obedience and Courtesy, whereby the Earl perceived he was no Clown, and thereupon

said

said, Gracious Lord, I understand your Honour hath left two of your Men, will you please to accept of me.

Then said the Earl, What canst thou do? He answered I can Hunt and Hawk, and do all that belings thereto: I have also some Skill in Riding and Feats of armes. To this said the Earl. Thou shouldst like me well; but to my Country we have long and tedious Journey, therefore i suppose thou would be lth to travel so far. Not so my Lord said Fortunatus, that shall be to me no lett at all, but would willingly venture the travel tho' it were four times as far, Then demanded the Earl, saying What Wages, shall i give thee; Fortunatus answered. require no Wages, but to be rewarded according to my deserts. These words of the young Man the Earl liked verry well saying unto him, The Galley forthwith shall be launched from the Shore, art thou therefore ready to depart with us? he answered, When it pleaseth my Lord. And so casting the Hawk that he had upon his Fist up in the Air, departed without Blessing of Father or Mother with the Earl; and became his Man carrying with him verry litle Furniture and no Money in his purse. So hoisting up their Sail, they quickly arrived at Venice.

## C H A P. II.

How Fortunatus sailed away with the Earl without knowledge of his Father or Mother.

**W**HEN Fortunatus was come to Venice having in passing by it seen all the Royalties of that City, staid not long there

but made all speed possible to return again  
to his own Country to see his Friends;  
for he was determined at his return to be  
wedded to the Daughter of the Duke of  
Savoy, which was a fair Lady, the Mar-  
riage being appointed before his Departure :



For which cause he made the more haste.  
Before they departed, *Fortunatus* bought for  
his Lord at *Venice*, very costly Jewels, and  
Garments of Velvet, Silk and Cloth of  
Gold, and whatsoever else was requisite  
for the Wedding; altho' he had many  
Men, yet was there none of them that could  
speak the *Italian* Tongue but *Fortunatus* only,  
who was very expert to buy and sell, and  
therefore



therefore was in great Favour with the Earl *Fortunatus* perceiving his Lord's good Affection towards him, became the more serviceable, applying himself to be always in the Evening the last, and in the Morning the first in his Lord's presence. Now the Earl had bought many Horses for his Servants of the which some were more fair to the Eye, than fit for any good; he therefore wou'd have them mustered before him, and so distributed them among his Men, giving to *Fortunatus* one of the best, which grieved much the other Servants, and thereupon they envied him, saying among themselves *What Devil hath sent this Italian to put us out of credit*; However it lay not in their power to hinder him from riding with the Earl, neither could they blame him in any Point. The Earl was now returned home joyfully, and at his coming was received of his Subjects most honourably; for he was both a fable, just and vertuous, and so the better beloved of all his Subjects, for that he loved them, and was careful for their Good. The Nobles likewise and other friendly Neighbours came together to welcome him, thanking God for his prosperous Journey, and before all other matters they took special Care for the present accomplishing of the Wedding, which pleased him very

well: so that with consent he was Espoused unto the Duke of *Clear's* Daughter: For Wedding great Preparation was made, and thither did resort many Lords of great Estate, where many valiant Knights and Gentlemen in rich Attire, mounted on Barbet Steeds, at the Tilts and Turney, and other such Feats of Chivalry, extending their manly Force before the fair and noble Ladies there present. And altho' there were assembled at the Wedding no small Number of proper and comely Servitors, attending on the chief Estates; yet there was none of them all, whose Service and Behaviour was more commended than the Service of *Fortunatus*; whereupon divers demanding of the Earl where he had gotten him, he declared unto them, that he by Fortune chanced on him in the way coming from *Jerusalem*; and told them moreover, that he was so expert in Hunting and Hawking, that neither wild Beast of the Field, nor Fowl of the Air, might hardly escape him: Besides that, he also commended him for his diligent Service, and for that he could fit himself to all Estates. By means of which Commendation of his Lord, he had many Gifts given him by Noblemen and Ladies.

*How*

## C H A P. III.

How Fortunatus did his endeavour in Justing  
at his Lords Wedding, and gained both the  
Jewels.

**A**FTER that the Lords and Nobles had  
finished there Triump and martial  
Game, the Duke of of Cleve and the Bride-  
groom (the Earl of Flanders) agreed that  
their Servitors and Retinues should like-  
wise have their Pastime, and try who are



Masters in Justing for two Jewels, esteem-  
ed to the value of an hundred Crowns,  
and he that might obtain the Prize should  
have one of them. Of this were all the  
Servants

Servants glad, and every Man put forth  
himself to do his best. So it befel that  
one of the Duke of Burgundy's Servants  
had one of the Jewels on the one Side,  
and *Fortunatus* won the other on the con-  
trary part; which misliked the most part  
of the Servants, and thereupon they they en-  
reated *Timothy* the Duke of Burgundy's  
Man making him many fair Promises to  
recompence him with the like Deserts, if he  
would undertake Challenge to *Fortunatus* to  
try in Justing who should have both the  
Jewels. *Timothy* having no Power to deny  
the Request of so many good Fellows,  
made open Challenge unto *Fortunatus* before  
the Ladies and Gentlewomen to Just with  
him, and that whosoever obtained the  
Prize, should possess both the Jewels.  
When *Fortunatus* heard that he took no  
great deliberation, but accepted the Chal-  
enge with a valient Courage. This being  
noised among the Lords they gladly drew  
together to see this Combat. The Chal-  
enger and Defender, each of them well  
appointed, came to the Tilt-yard, where  
they encountred with a manly and valient  
Courage being on either part stirred with  
a fervent desire both of Lucre and Fame  
At the fourth Course *Fortunatus* hoisted *Ti-*  
*mothy* from his Horse the space of a Spear's  
length



length; wherewith he won the Victory, and obtained the Jewels, esteemed more worth than two hundred Crowns, this was the envy of his fellow Servants more vehemently encreased, but the Earl himself rejoyced greatly, that one of his Retinue had so victoriously won the chief Prize. However he understood not of their Grudge and Malice that his Men had against *Fortunatus*, neither durst any Man disclose it unto him.

Among the Earls Servants there was one an old wise Fellow, named *Robert*, who offered himself to practice a Trick of Knowledge very in behalf of all his fellow Servants, promising unto them, that if they would give unto him ten Crowns in ready Money he would bring to pass that the Italian should depart of his own accord, without taking leave of his Lord, or of any other and that none thereof should be suspected.

Then said his Fellows, if thou canst do as thou hast said, why dost thou delay to attempt the same? He answered, stay a while, for i cannot do it without present Money; but if every one of you will give me but a Crown, i will repay unto each of you a whole Crown if i do not perform what i have said.

They were all willing to grant to his Request, so that they speedily collected this Sum of fifteen Crowns, and gave them

Robert, who willed them to speak no more unto him concerning that matter, and that every one should behave himself accordingly, as he had done before. From henceforth this Robert became a daily companion unto *Fortunatus*, shewing himself very friendly unto him, inveagling him with pleasant Communication, and recounting of Things done in the Country, which was to *Fortunatus* delighting. He inured and enticed him to the Company and haunt of fair Women, where he of his proper Charges would always send for Wine, and other Banquetting Junkets for the Company. Robert also would collogue with him, praising his Riches, Nobility, and Valiant Courage, which pleased *Fortunatus*. And when he would offer his Money for their expences, Robert would not suffer him to pay any part; saying, *That he loved him better than any of his Brethren, and therefore thought all too little that was bestowed in him.* This Company of good Fellowship continued so long, that the rest of the Servants were therewith grieved, saying one to another.

*Doth Robert mean to drive away Fortunatus with such a Life? it is rather to be supposed that if he were in Cyprus again, and to have such pleasant Entertainment, he would think it long ere he were returned thither; surely he doth not fulfill his Promise, and therefore it is meet that we have our Money again.*

Robert

Robert being advertised thereof scoffed at them, saying, *Would they have me make better cheer with their Money then I have done* Notwithstanding at the last, when the Money was near hand spent, in an Evening when the Earl and his Wife were gone to rest cometh Robert to Fortunatus into his Chamber secretly, and said, *Even now hath the Master Chancellor told me a Secret, for he is my singular good Friend, and did earnestly forbid me upon pain to lose his Friendship that I should disclose it to no Man; but yet I cannot for the Friendship that is between us, conceal this thing from thee, which so nearly toucheth thine Estate. This stands the case as thou knowest, our Lord hath a fair woman to Wife, and hath many fair Gentlewomen, let his young Chamberlains be enamoured, and so provoked to carnal Lust; and altho' he repose such confidence in them, that they would consent to no dishonesty, yet he cannot well put out of his Mind what a blind thing Love is and when it is once kindled, how hard it is quenched; and when true Lovers are linked with like Affections, nothing may separate them but Death. So prevent this, he is counselled and fully minded on the morrow to ride to Lausanne, where he is at Law with an Earl concerning certain Money and Land and designs to go thither with all his Men about about him, because he is informed, that the Earl of St Paul, his Adversary, will be there also with no small Company, richly accoutred. And while he remains there, he wilt cause the four Chamberlains to*

Gelded whether they will or no, and then set them  
their Office as before. He will also shew the mat-  
ter unto his wife, forbiding her to disclose it unto  
any person. However he knoweth well that she can-  
not long conceal it from her waiting Gentlemen,  
who will most likely speak of it to others, so that by  
passing from one to another it will be spread abroad  
and by this means he pretendeth to prevent all mis-  
chief that might happen among youth thro' amorous love  
for he considereth that no Woman regardeth a Gelded  
Man.

When Fortunatus had heard this Report,  
he was therewith amazed; and then ask'd  
him, *Whether he knew any way whereby he might*  
*convey himself with speed out of the City, say-*  
*ing I will not in any case abide the presence*  
*of my Lord, tho' he would give me all his Lands*  
*no, tho' he would make me King of England,*  
*would I serve him any longer. I pray there-*  
*fore, said Fortunatus, help me good Friend*  
*Robert, and give me some counsel how I may*  
*speedily depart,* Robert answered saying,  
*thou knowest ail the Gates of the City be now*  
*shut, that none can go out until to morrow,*  
*the Bell warneth to Service: But my beloved*  
*Fortunatus, if I were in your Case, I*  
*would not greatly refuse it, considering the great*  
*love and Affection that thy Lord hath conceiv-*  
*ed towards thee, whereby thou art like to come*  
*to great Preferment; then, said Fortunatus, I*  
*would rather become a Begger to wander as a*  
*Vagabond*



*Vagabond from place to place, than to endure such a Shame and Villany. Then spake Robert again, saying, I am sorry that ever I advertised thee of these things, since thou wilt by no means here longer remain, let me hear from you by Letter, where you are, that when our Lord shall be sufficiently provided of Gelded Men to be his Chamberlains, I may let you know, that you may repair hither again; for I don't doubt but at any time you will be entertertained by the Earl:*

To this answered, *Fortunatus*, saying, You shall have no occasion to write or send to me for so long as I live,, I will not come to this Court any more; i therefore instantly require the not to disclose my Departure until i have been three Day away. Which thing Robert promised him, and so he took his leave of him, making believe as he was very sorry: Thus this traiterous *Judas* impos'd upon him. It was about midnight, when every one was at rest, but *Fortunatus* Head was full of Thought, so that every Hour seemed unto him three, for he feared lest the Earl should understand of his Departure, and so cause him to be detain'd. So passing all the Night in fear and grief, at the break of Day he took his Journey on Horseback with Hounds following him as tho' he had pretended to Hunt, and rode so swiftly, that if one of his Eyes had fallen out of his Head



Head he would scarcely have given himself Time for to have taken it up.

## C H A P. IV.

*How the Earl was exceeding sorry for the sudden Departure of Fortunatus.*

**W**HEN *Fortunatus* had ridden ten Miles, he bought another Horse, and sent back again unto the Earl, his Horse and his Hounds, that he might have no occasion to pursue after him. When the Earl understood that *Fortunatus* had departed without leave, and as he knew no Cause whereat he might be offended, neither had he paid him his Wages, he greatly marvelled, and thereupon demanded of all his Servants whether they knew any occasion of his departing? they all denied that they knew not, and took their Oaths that they had not by any means to their knowledge affronted him. Then went the Earl to the Ladies and Gentlewomen, enquiring likewise of them, whether they had moved him to any displeasure, or whether they knew the Cause of his going away without leave. The Countess and all the other Gentlewomen answered, that they knew not of any thing that might offend him either in Word or Deed; but that in

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the Evening before his Departure he was exceeding Merry and Pleasant ; reporting unto them of the attire of Women, and of many other Usages, and Customs of his Country, and that in such rough Language, as we could not refrain from Laughter, and he himself was Laughing with us, and so with no worse Countenance he left our Company. Then said the Earl, altho' the cause of his flight be now concealed from me, I doubt not but hereafter I shall be advertised thereof, and if I shall know that any of mine was the occasion of it, I shall be sharply revenged on him ; for I know that *Fortunatus* is not fled without some great Cause. I am sure he hath gotten about 500 Crowns while he was here ; and I thought he would not have departed so suddenly ; but I perceive he is not minded to return, seeing he hath taken with him all his Jewels and his Substance.

When *Robert* perceived that his Lord was so grieved for *Fortunatus*, great fear fell on him, lest any of his Fellows should betray him, that he went away by his procurement ; whereupon he went to every one particularly, requiring them not to disclose his doings, which they faithfully promised him ; and were very instant to know by what means he brought his purpose to pass, and

and that he so suddenly went awa: At length to one that was most in his Favour, and was more importunate than the rest, he told that *Fortunatus* had shewed him the State of his Father, how he was become poor, and served in the King of *Cyprus's* Court; whereupon said *Robert*, I have shewed him that a Post was passed this way from the King of *Cyprus*, towards the King of *England*, to advertise him of the King of *Cyprus's* Death, for they were near of Kindred; which Post reported unto me, that the King had exalted the State of *Theodorus* his Father, and had given him the Earldom of *Ancemus de Tereceno*, who died without an Heir, by reason whereof, the Earldom was fallen into the King's Hands; for which *Theodorus* making the first Suit, obtained it, and both he and his Heirs were therein confirmed by his Letters Patents. When I had told him, he scarcely believed me; and thereupon said, I would my Father had sped no worse, notwithstanding upon this only he is departed. When the other of his Fellows heard this, they said among themselves, how uncircumspect was *Fortunatus*? For if such good fortune had chanced unto him, and he had told our Earl thereof, doubtless he would have given him a good Word, with

some of us to accompany him, and so he would have been honourably received into his own Country, and had also still have retained the Favour and Friendship of his Lord and Master.

### C H A P. V.

*How Fortunatus came to London, and consumed his Money in the Company of riotous Persons and Harlots.*

**N**OW we shall leave the Earl of *Flanders* with his Men, who knew little how *Robert* had deceived *Fortunatus* with a Lie; however heard afterwards that *Fortunatus* did well. Who when he had sent back his Lord's Horse, yet fearing lest he should be pursued, travelled with all speed till he came to *Calais*, where he took Shipping, and yet thought himself scarcely out of danger, even in the midst of the Seas, the fear of Gelding so sore troubled his Conscience. When he was arrived in *England*, setting all fear aside, he took Courage again and came to *London*, which is a great City, frequented of Merchants from all Countries of *Europe*. Thither at his arrival was come a Ship from *Cyprus*, freighted with costly Wares, the Factors whereof were two young Merchants, who had in

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*Cyprus* rich Parents, and this being the first Journey they ever undertook, were unacquainted how to behave themselves in strange Countries, but only by their Fathers Instructions. When there Ships therefore were unloaden, their Wares sold, great Sums of Money received, and the Customs discharged, they were merry and jocund, as such Youths commonly be, which have not been accustomed to the handling and use of Money: Into the Company of these young Men chanced *Fortunatus*, with whom he soon made himself acquainted, shewing, them all offices of friendship in a strange Country. These three happened into the Company of other young Extravagants, who usually haunted the Houses of Harlots Gamesters, and other disorderly People; so that if one had gotten a fine Woman, the other would get a finer whatsoever it cost him; this Life they led for the space of half a Year, till their Money was gone, and then they thought it was time to take care of themselves.

## C H A P. VI.

*How the two Cyprus Merchants, when their Money was spent, returned to their Country.*

**F** *Ortunatus* had the least Spring, so that his Well was soon emptied, and the others a lo



were drawn almost dry, and had consumed what they had received for their Wares on sumptuous Banquets and fair Women; then was all their hot Love quenched with a cold Purse, tho' they perswaded themselves otherwise, and had often heard it scoffingly said unto them, go and fetch more Money. In the mean while the other Merchants of Cyprus were ready to repair home, and the Master of the Ship gave warning to the young Men to be in a readiness, who went forthwith to their Lodging, to make their Accounts with heavy Hearts, finding that they had received vast Sums of Money; but that which they shou'd have bestowed in Wool, Cloth, Tin, Lead and other Merchandise, they had consumed on *English* Beer, delicate Fare, and Womens Flesh. And notwithstanding, tho' they were now but bare Merchants, yet took they Ship with the rest; and came home without Goods. But how they were entertained by their Father at their return, we know not.

## C H A P. VII.

*How Fortunatus was entertained into Service, and how one Andrew, a wicked Varlet brought Fortunatus's Masterto great trouble, by Murthering a Gentleman in his House.*

**N**OW Fortunatus being Moueyless, be-  
thought himself, that if he might get

two or three Crowns, he would go into France, there to get him a Master: so went he to his Love, requiring her to lend him fifteen Shillings, saying, he would go into Flanders to his Uncle, to fetch 4000 Crowns which he had in his Custody, and before my departure, said he, I wou'd fain make merry with you. She coldly answered, saying, goest thou to fetch Money? God speed thee well, so it be to me no hindrance; whereby he perceived that he had but a cold Suit to wait for Money at her hands: and then too late he thought in his Mind, if I had my Money again, I would be more cautious on whom I bestowed it, and yet once more tried he, saying, My Dear, send for some Wine, and let us yet drink once together e're we depart. Whereupon she, said to her Maid, go and fetch a Pint of Beer, and let the Ass drink e'er he go. This was the Thanks that a Harlot render'd him for his Folly. *Fortunatus* being thus abandoned, thought with himself, I must obey till I have got two or three Crowns: So he went to *Lombard-Street*, where was a great resort, enquiring who was destitute of a Servant. There was a rich Merchant of *Florence*, that retained many Servants, whom; he set at work in his Traffick, of him was *Fortunatus* hired for two Crowns

a Month. Being entertained, he went home with his Master *Jeronimus Roberti* whom he served at the Table very handsomely; whereby he perceived that *Fortunatus* had been well trained up; so that in process of time he sent him to bestow the Merchandize into the Ships, and to receive others that came into the Realm, in which Affairs he behaved himself very well. About the time when *Fortunatus* served *Jeronimus Roberti*, there was a Florentine, named *Andrew*, the son of a rich Merchant, to whom his Father had given much Goods, and sent him therewithal to *Bruges* in *Flanders*, which he unthriftilly in short time consumed; and being therewith not satisfied, took up also more Money by Bills of Exchange, making his Father believe that he would send him many rich Merchandizes. This he used so long, till his Father was able to disburst no more Money, but waited still to receive the wares which he looked for from his Son, which are yet to come. When the unthrifty Varlet had consumed all, and lost his Credit, so that no Man would lend, nor give, nor trust him any more, he pretended to return again into Florence to spy out there some old Widow, whom he might abuse: As he travelled home he came into a Town of

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France called *Turn*, where there lay in Prison a rich Gentleman of *England*. a Citizen of *London*, which when his Host had declared unto him, he asked if he might speak with the Prisoner, the Host said, *I will bring you thither, but he is so fast imprisoned, that it is pitiful to behold.* When *Andrew* came to the Prisoner, he spake good English, whereof the Prisoner was glad, asking him whether he knew one *Jeronimus Roberts* at *London*: He answered, *I know him well, he is my good Friend.* Then answered the Prisoner: *Good Andrew, would G d I might entreat thee to go to London, and requirer Jeronimus Roberts to do his best, that I may be delivered; he is my near acquaintance and knoweth my ability, whatsoever he shall lay out for me, I shall restore it to him threefold. For if thou wouldest do this diligently in my behalf, I will give thee for thy pains five hundred Crowns, and also procure thee a good Office. Thou shalt shew my Friends also that thou hast spoken with me, and request them to become Sureties for me to Jeronimus.* *Andrew* made a Promise to the Prisoner to deal truly in the matter, and so travelled towards *London*, where declaring the matter to *Jeronimus Roberts*, he was well contented, so that he might have for one Crown three: And altho' he knew the same *Andrew* to be a lewd Fellow, ne-

vertheless he said unto him, go to his Friends and try if thou canst in the King's Court, provide Sureties for me, and then will I be ready to disburst the Money. *Andrew* went forth to search the Prisoner's Friends, to whom he declared how the case stood with him, and that he lay in Prison fast bound. His Friends seemed little to regard his misery, but bid him go to the King or his Counsel, and let them know, for he went on the King's Service: When he came to the Court, and could have no redress in the matter, he heard say the King of *England* had espoused his Daughter to the Duke of *Burgundy*, and that thither he intended to send certain Jewels of great Price, the carriage whereof he had committed to a certain Gentleman which had a Wife and children in *London*.

As *Andrew* understood in the Court that such rich Jewels was committed to such a Gentleman, he got into his Company, saying, that he was certain Jewels to the Duke of *Burgundy* by him; wherefore he desired him to let him see them; for, said he, I am a Jeweller also; and hearing at *Florence* that the King made enquiry for the most expert in our faculty, I am come so far in hope the King would buy some of me. The Gentleman



Gentleman said unto him, stay here a while till I be dispatched, and then shall you go with me, and I will shew them unto you. When he came again to *Andrew* he took him home to his House, being then Dinner-time : Wherefore said, we will first Dine. When Dinner was over he carried him to his Chamber, and their opening a fair Armory, brought out of it a Coffer wherein were the Jewels, which he viewed at his Pleasure. The Jewels, were very precious, amounting to the value of threescore thousand Crowns, and the more one beheld them, the fairer they seemed : *Andrew* praised hem greatly, and said, I have yet some, that if they were as well set as these be, would no doubt disgrace some of these. The Gentleman liked what he said, thinking with himself, if he had so costly Jewels, the King wou'd yet bestow more Money. *Andrew* said, to-morrow shall you Dine with me, in *Jeronimus Roberts's* House, where I will shew you my Jewels. This Pleased the Gentleman exttemely. *Andrew* went to *Jeronimns Roberts*, and said, I have found out a Man in the court, who I trust will assist me to deliver the Prisoner, and that you should have good Security in the King's Custom House. That liked *Jeronimus* well; *Andrew* said, I pray you appoint the Dinner

ner to morrow somewhat the cſtlier, for I ſhill bring him to dine with us. The next Day brought *Andrew* the Man with him: but before they ſat down, he privately warned *Jeronymus*, that he ſhould not find much talk of the priſoner, for the matter muſt be ſecretly managed: They ſat down and were very merry, and ſtayed ſome time; but *Jeronymus* roſe up and went into his Study; at the laſt ſaib *Andrew* to the Getlman, come you up with me into my chamber, and I will ſhew you my Jewels: So they went up together into a Chamſter ove8 the Hall where they Dined, and there *Andrew* making an offer as tho he would have opeued a gear coffer drew his Knife privatelyr and ſinck the Gentleman and then cut his Throat, that done he took from his Thumb a Gold Ring whereon his Seal was Graven, and too his Reys from his Girdle and went to the Gentleman's Houſe, and laid to his Wife: *Madam, your Huſdand hath ſent me unto you, Willing you to ſend him the Jewels which he ſhewed me yeſterday, and for token of truth doth he eſnd you here his ring and the Keys of his Armory.* The Woman believing his Words, ſeaached narrowly, bul found not the Jewes in none of the three Armories. then gave ſhe him the Keys again, and ſaid, go tell him we

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can find none, let him come himself and search them where they lie. *Andrew* being afraid, having committed so shameful a Murther, and yet was frustrate of his purpose, he purposed to fly; but while he went to the Gentleman's house, the blood soaked thro' the Boards into the hall, which when *Jeronimus* espied, he asked his Man from whence came that blood, who ran up to see, and found the Gentleman slain.

## C H A P. VIII.

*How Andrew escaping, Jeronimus with his retinue were Imprisoned for the Murther.*

AS they stood thus amazed, came the Varlet *Andrew*, to whom they all said *What hast thou done in Murthering this Man;* he answered, *He would have murthered me, hoping to have found costly Jewels about me, and therefore I had rather kill then be killed. Be still therefore and make no out-cry, I will cast the Body into the Privy, and if any enquiry be made for him, say he soon after Dinner he departed and since that we saw him not.* So when he, had conveyed the dead body into the Privy, he hastened Night and Day to avoid the country, fearing to stay any where lest he should be pursued, and so suffer Death for the Murther, yea, when he was fled as far as *Venice*, where



where he there offered himself to be a Row  
 er in a Galley that went to *Alexandria*.  
 Where as soon as he arrived, he renounced  
 the Christian Faith, and therefore was  
 better esteemed, and safe from the danger  
 of the murder, altho' he had slain an hundred  
 Christians. The same Day that the  
 Murder was committed, came *Fortunate*  
 home to *London* from *Sandwich*, where  
 he had laden certain Wares of his Master  
 into a Ship. And when he perceived that  
 he was not so welcome as he us'd to be  
 and that his Master his Companions, and  
 the rest of the household were not so merciful  
 as he had left them, seem'd surpriz'd, and  
 desire



desire to be informed what might be the  
 Cause of it. The Maid, which her Master  
 loved well, said unto him, be not thou  
 troubled *Fortunatus*, for our Master hath re-  
 ceived Letters from *Florence* that one of his  
 dear Friends is dead, whome he so entirely  
 loved as his own Brother, tho' he was not  
 so near of Kin, as to go into Mourning for  
 him. *Fortunatus* hearing this made no more  
 ado, but seemed to be sorry with them  
 for the Gentlemans wife, as her Husband  
 came not home, nor sent the Cause of his  
 stay all Night, was uneasy; but in the  
 morning she sent one of her friends to Court  
 to know whether her Husband were there,  
 that the King had sent him any where  
 else. The King's Counsel heard that en-  
 quiry was made for him, they wondered  
 that he appeared not in the Court, and  
 when the King also was acquainted, he  
 ordered a Messenger to go to his House, to  
 know if he was there, and had the Jewels  
 about him, For the King mistrusted him,  
 tho' he thought him to be an honest Man,  
 yet it was not unlikely that he might be  
 tempted with the value of his Charge. So  
 when every one had asked each other, and  
 none could give any Account where the  
 gentleman was gone, the King ordered  
 that his House should be searched for the  
 Jewels



els: When his Wife was asked for him, and for the Jewels, and what he said when he went away; she said it is the third Day since I saw him; and then he told me he went to Dine with one of *Florence*, and in the Afternoon sent one to me with his Signet and his Keys, desiring me to send him the Jewels. The Messenger moreover signified to me, that he was in the House of *Germinus Roberts*, where were, as he said, many Jewels also and that he would confer the one sort with the other. So I led him into the Chamber, and with these Keys opened the Armory, but the Jewels could not be found, and the Man returned without them. Then they demanded of her, whether he had several places to put them in. She answered no; for the chiefest things he maketh account of, as Deeds, Letters, Seals and such like, doth he lay up in the Armory. The Jewels were once there also, but not at that time, for if they had, I would have sent them unto him. The Searchers hearing this, brake up all the Coffers, Chests, Trunks, and Cupboards in the House, and yet the Jewels could they not find. Whereat the King's Messengers were greatly surpriz'd, and the Gentlewoman exceedingly amazed to see her House so misused. When this was told the King, he grieved more

more for the Jewels, then for the Money  
that was bestowed on them, for altho' he  
had Money enough, yet could he not have  
the like Jewels at his pleasure: The King  
and his Counsel being in this Perplexity,  
knew not what to do, but in the end con-  
cluded to apprehend *Jeronimus Roberti* with  
all his Family, to give an account what  
was become of the man; which was so  
done the fifth Day after the Gentleman was  
Murthered. So the Sheriff waiting till Sup-  
pertime, entered the House, where he found  
them altogether; namely, the two Masters  
the two Servants of Accounts, a Cook, a  
housekeeper two Maidens, and *Fortanatus*;  
so that there were in the whole nine Per-  
sons which were all brought to Prison, and  
placed every one a part from the other, and  
examined where the two men were: they  
answered all alike, that presently after Din-  
ner they went their way. and since that  
they neither saw nor heard of them. But  
the Sheriff not herewith content, took all  
the Keys of the house, and narrowly search-  
ed the stables, Seles, Sellers, and warehouses,  
where they might have buried the man, and  
yet found him not. But as they were depart-  
ing, one amongst the Searchers, who had a  
burning Torch in his hand, set a handful of  
straw on Fire, and throw'd it into the Privy  
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so looking down, espied the dead body with the Legs upward; and then cry'd out, the Man lies Murthered in the Privy. They drew him out, and laid him before *Jeronimus Roberti's* Door: When the Citizens of London understood of this murther, they made such an outcry upon the *Florentines* and *Lumbards*, that they were forc'd to keep them close in their houses, lest if they were seen abroad, they should be knock'd down by the People.

These tydings were speedily brought to the King, who commanded to Rack the Master and all the rest, whereby the truth might be brought out, and their confession severally penn'd especially concerning the Jewels. So the Executioner first racked *Jeronimus* very grievously, desiring him to tell who committed the Murther, and where the Jewels were. *Jeronimus* perceiving by the extream Pain he was put to, that the King and his officers had Intelligence of the Murther committed in the house without his knowledge or consent, therefore he was exceeding sorry: And when he saw there was no remedy but Patience, he declared how every thing had happened, saying, That one Andrew had required him to prepare a costly Dinner, signify that he should bring a Gentleman to Dinner with him, whom he had

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required to assist him to deliver a Prisoner that  
 was at Turn in France, which thing, said he,  
 did for the Honour of the King and the whole  
 Realm, neither know I of any thing else. Now  
 when Dinner was done, I took no regard of them,  
 and went to my Study to write; and when I had  
 been coming forth again, I espied blood dropping  
 from the Chamber above, into the Hall, whereat  
 being astonished, set my Servant to see what  
 should be, who told me as it was. And as it  
 happened, at that very instant came in this Villain  
 Andrew, to whose charge I laid this Murther,  
 who answered, saying, the other would have  
 murthered me, but by God's help I prevented his  
 design, and slew him, and so cast him into the  
 fire; and then he suddenly fled, and where he  
 I know not. The very same in every re-  
 spect did all the other affirm, when they  
 were Racked; but *Fortunatus* confessed no-  
 thing, tho' he were Racked likewise; for  
 he was not in the house when this Mischief  
 happened, and therefore clearly ignorant of  
 the matter.

## C H A P. IX.

Now Jeronimus Roberts with all his Family  
 were Hanged, and how *Fortunatus* hardly  
 escaped.

W H E N as by all the Policies, and  
 Extremities they had tried, no farther  
 Knowledge



knowledge could be had, the King very much incensed with anger, caused them all to be hanged on a new pair of Gallows, and their dead Bodies to be fastened thereto with Iron Chains. And when they one after another suffered Execution




there remained only as yet alive *Fortunatus* and the Cook. And when *Fortunatus* was in this perplexity, not knowing but that he should be hanged also, he thought within himself, would God I had continued with my Master the Earl, and suffered my self to be Gelded, then had I not come to this loathsome and vile Death. When the Cook (who was an *Englishman*) last of all saw *For-*

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*Fortunatus* like to be executed, he cryed, and declared before all the People, that *Fortunatus* was intirely Innocent, and knew nothing of the matter. Whereupon by great outcry, and that he was no *Florentine*, and also unguilty, the Sheriff said unto him, get thee quickly hence, for if thou be found by the way, the Women will surely kill thee. So he gave certain Men charge to convey him over the Water, and conduct him safe unto the Sea-side.



When *Feronimus* with his Family were thus dispatched, the King permitted his House to be spoiled: However, the Officers had Feattered their Nest with the best before. When the *Florentines* and *Lumbards* heard say, that such havock was made of *Feronimus's* Goods, they were sore afraid both of their Lives and Coods, tho' they were in nothing Guilty; they then collected among them a handsome Sum of money, which they sent unto the King, to purchase his Good-Will for their Safety. The King being much moved with pity, granted them License to occupy and Traffick as they did before.



## C H A P. X.

*How the King's Jewels were found under a Bedstead in the Gentlewoman's House, and delivered to the King again.*

**A**FTER all things were in this sort finished, it behoved the King to make farther enquiry for the Jewels, on which as he had bestowed much Money before, so in this condition he might possess them again, he would be content to have paid for them the second time. Wherefore he caused to be published, that those who brought the first Account of them, should for a Reward have five hundred Marks: This was all proclaimed in other Nations, and Letters were sent to many Princes and Lords in strange Countries, that if any came to see such Jewels, they should be stopt, and tidings sent thereof: However there was no hearing of them, altho' every Man would gladly have done what lay in his Power only to have had the Reward. Thus passed the time, till the Gentlewoman did solemnize the Funeral Obsequies of her Husband at the Months end. And when the time of chief Mourning was over-passed, she invited her Acquaintance and Neighbours to make good cheer with her: Amongst them

is one that lately had lost her husband,  
so said, if you will follow my Advice, I  
will teach you how you shall soon forget  
the Death of your husband. Make your  
bed in another Chamber ; or if you please  
so to do, remove it from one place to  
another, and when you go to bed, call to  
your Mind some lusty young Man, whom  
you could desire to be your Spouse, and  
say to your self, the Dead with the Dead  
and the Living with the Living ; for so did  
I after my Spouse's Death. Then said the  
gentlewoman, alas good Play-fellow, but I  
loved my Spouse so well, and with so good  
affection, that I cannot forget him so soon :  
wherebeit she earnestly imprinted the words  
in her Mind : And so soon as the Company  
was gone, she began to remove the bedsteads,  
trunks, and Coffers, so that unawares by  
force of the Beds-feet she found a little Cot-  
ton wherein were the Jewels : Which the  
gentlewoman well knowing, set aside for  
a while, and nevertheless continued her  
moving till she had done. After that, she  
passed for one of her Kinsmen, to whom she  
related that she had found the King's Jew-  
els by chance, and that if she had not re-  
moved the Bed, they might have lain long  
enough there unknown, for that none wou'd  
have sought in such place for them : So  
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she required his Advice how she might bestow them: who hearing that the Jewels were luckily found, greatly rejoiced, and said to her, if you desire my Counsel in this Case, and will accept well thereof, I would wish you well to do. Take the Jewels and I will go with you to make mean to speak with the King himself, and to deliver the Jewels, into his own hands, and also you shall shew him the plain truth, by what chance you found them referring to his Courtesie what reward he will give you, for if the Jewels should be closely imbevelled from the King, it behoveth to carry them into a strange Country to be sold, where I warrant you he will lay private wait, if any such be offered, to the Jewellers, and then the King being advertised thereof, all them that have had to do with them, might lose both Body and Goods, and the Jewels, notwithstanding should be restored to him again.

This counsel the Woman liked very well and so decking herself in comely Widow's Attire, went with her Kinsman to the Court there making earnest suit to speak with the King himself. The King being informed thereof, she was admitted to his presence in the Chamber of State. When she came before the King she humbly on her Knees said, Most gracious Lord, I your poor Handmaid am come to signify unto your Majesty, that the Jewels which were committed unto my Husband, your Servant, to be delivered into the Dutches of Burgundy, were found this Day under a Bedstead, as I by chance removed my Bed, and so presently with all Speed I have made hast to present the same unto your Majesty.

The King found where he delivered kept. of her hazard the deliver forasmuch Jewels in reach other, ward, what certain gentleman to who of thee The young Gracious but come he obeyed sent for presence d bestow happily woman and th which which,



The King forthwith open'd the Coffer, and found all the Jewels as they ought to be whereof he was exceeding glad, and so delivered them into the Jewel-House to be kept. The King then conceiv'd very well of her Diligence, for that she would not hazard them on the Credit of any other, but deliver'd them with her own Hands: And forasmuch also as through occasion of the Jewels she had lost her Husband, he thought in reason that she should by some means or other, be recompenc'd with a special Reward, whereby her Sorrow might be somewhat diminish'd: Wherefore he order'd a certain lusty and couragious young Gentleman of the Court to be called unto him, to whom he said I will now request a thing of thee, which I trust you will not deny me. The young Gentleman answer'd, saying, *Gracious Lord, you shall not use such Entreaty, but command me what you please, and I will be obedient.* With that the King forthwith sent for a Chaplain, and even in his Presence did he marry these Two together, and bestowed on them many rich Gifts, who lived happily one with the other. The Gentlewoman afterwards went to her Play-fellow, and thank'd her kindly for the Counsel which she gave her to remove her Bedsted, which, said she, if I had not done, the

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King had not enjeoy'd his Jewels again, neither had I gotten a such fair and lusty young Man to my Husband. Therefore I perceive it is good sometimes to follow a Friend's Advice.

## C H A P. XI.

*How Fortunatus straying in a Wood, was benighted, and in Danger of his Life.*

**N**O W return' we to shew how Fortunatus fared, since he escaped Hanging, for whereas at his departure, he was destitute of Money, and beset with Peril and Danger, he speedily convey'd himself out of England, and arrived in Picardy, where he would have gladly served, but could get no Master. So he went farther, and was come to Brittain, where he adventuring to pass through a large Wood, was driven to stay all Day long, and could find no way out. And being benighted, he espyed an old House whereas some Glass had been made, whereof he was glad, supposing to have found some People therein. But when he came thither there was no Creature, nevertheless he stayed there all Night with extream Hunger and Thirst and also in great Fear of the wild Beasts which there haunted, greedily longing for the Day, and prayed God to help him out of the Wood, lest he should perish

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perish for want of Food. In the Morning he intended to cross the next Way out of the Wood, but it chanced contrary in the Length; for the farther he went, the more he strayed, and thus wander'd he the second Day also with much Grief: And when the Night came on, he happen'd on a Fountain, and being Feeble, for that he had received no Sustenance in Two Days, drank thereof with such an Appetite, that he was thereby somewhat refreshed.

As he sat him down by this Fountain, (the Moon shining clear) he heard a great Noise in the Wood, as it had been the grunting of Bears; whereof he stirred his Stumps, and conveyed himself a little aside out of sight. And therewithal devising how he might best shift to be Safe from the Wild Beasts, he climbed up a Tree well covered with Boughs, not far from the Fountain, from whence he beheld many sorts of Wild and Savage Beasts coming to Drink. Among them all was a Bear not fully grown, which spyed *Fortunatus*, and began to climb up the Tree after him, whereat he was sore afraid. And when he had climbed as far as he was able, he staying on a Bough, drew his Sword, and stuck the Bear in the Head, and wounded him else-where in many Places: Whereupon the fierce Bear so greedily

stretched himself at *Fortunatus*, that the bough  
broke whereon he staid, and so fell to the



Ground. When *Fortunatus* perceived the  
Coast clear from all other Beasts, save only  
the Bear, that could now scarcely remove  
himself, he descended from the Tree, and  
thrust his Sword through him, and then lay-  
ing his Mouth to the Wound, sucked out  
the warm Blood, wherewith he was some-  
what refresh'd, and lay down and slept by  
the Bear until Morning.

## C H A P. XII.

*How the Lady Fortune gave to Fortunatus  
Purse that never wanted Money.*

**A**S soon as he awaked, he saw standing  
before him a Fair and beautiful Wo-  
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man, muffled over the Eyes. Wherefore  
he praised and thanked God devoutly, that  
yet he beheld some Mankind before his  
Death. And to the Woman he said, I be-  
seech thee sweet Virgin for the love of God  
to assist me, that I may come out of this  
Wood, for this is the third Day that I have



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here irksomely wander'd without any Meat,  
and herewith declared to her also what  
had chanced concerning the Bear. Then



demanded she of him, saying, Of what Country art thou, and what moved thee to come hither? He answered, I am of the Isle of Cyprus, and Poverty hath constrained me to wander: I force not greatly whither, until such time as God (when it pleaseth him) shall provide for me a competent Living.

She said, *Fear not Fortunatus, for I am Lady Fortune, and by the influence of the Heavens, Stars and Planets, are given me six Powers, which I may bestow on one or more, for a long time, or short space, according to the government of the Cœlestial Planets, and the Permission of the Almighty God. The which are viz. Wisdom, Riches, Strength, Health, Beauty, and Long Life. Choose one of these six and make no long musing, for the Hour of Choice is near hand Past, I was sent by the Divine Power, to bestow one of these worldly Gifts on thee, which thy Affection doth most desire.* Fortunatus took no longer Deliberation of the matter, but said then I desire of Riches such Plenty that I may not lack so long as I live; with that, forthwith she gave unto him a Purse, and said, Receive this same of me, and in what Courty soever thou art, as often as thou puttelt thy Hand into it, thou shalt draw forth Ten Pieces of Gold of the same Nation's Coin. And this Purse shall retain the Vertue, during the Life of thee, and of  
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thine own Children, whosoever shall possess it, either thou, thy Children, or any other ; but no longer after your Deaths : Therefore esteem it accordingly, and take special Care thereof.

Then said *Fortunatus*, Right courteous & bountiful Lady, forasmuch as you have freely bestowed such an incomparable Jewel on me Gratitude binds me to do something for your sake, lest this that this worthy Benefit, in time, slip out of my Remembrance. She answered him demurely, saying, If thou had'st chose a Wisdom instead of Rickes, thou would'st not have been so careful to yield Recompence where it is not d. serv'd ; for knowest thou not, that I am guided by the Finger of the Omnipotent God ? And perceivest thou not that my eyes are Muffled : not regarding whom I pleasure nor seeing where I bestow ? Render Thanks therefore only where it's due, unto the Giver of all good Gifts, to whom thou canst yield no better recompence, than of thy riches freely received, to bestow on the poor and needy, where, when, and to whom it is expedient.

Then said *Fortunatus*, this will I willingly perform to the utmost of my Power, and therewith made a solemn Vow ; that this Day he would evermore keep holy, and

in what Country soever he were, he would bestow on the same Day 400 Pieces of Gold of that Nation's Coin, upon some Marriageable Virgin, in perpetual Remembrance how he first obtained his Riches. Then, said the Lady, follow me, and she led him by chance (as the Blind-man casteth his Staff) overthwart the Wood into a beaten Way, willing him to follow that Path, without turning on the Left-hand or the Right, and that he should not look where she become, neither any more trust unto her, *Fortunatus* did as she willed him, travell'd speedily till he came out of the Wood; where he espyed a great House which was an Inn, where Men that passed to and fro the Wood, usually refresh'd themselves. Before he approached the House, he took the Purse out of his Bosom, to try whether the Ladies Promise would prove effectual, that he might have therewith to pay his Charges; and in putting his Hand into the Purse, drew out Ten Crowns, whereof he was very glad; and then enter'd joyfully into the Inn, calling presently to the Host for the best Meat he had, saying, he well would content him, for he was very hungry. That pleased the Host very well, and so he furnished the Table with very good Fair.

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## C H A P. XIII.

*How Fortunatus for buying certain great Horses which an Earl had before prized, was taken Prisoner, and in danger of his Life.*

**N**OW when *Fortunatus* had sufficiently slack'd his hunger and thirst, he rested there three Days to refresh his empty Stomach, and weary Limbs, and at his departure bought of the Host a complear Harness, to the intent he might be the sooner entertained, and so discharging the Host to his full contentment, departed farther There was two Miles from the Wood a little Town with a Castle, wherein dwelt an Ear, which had Jurisdiction of the Wood granted to him by the Duke of *Brittain*, *Fortunatus* passing that way, entred the best Inn of the Town, and asked of the Host, where he new of any good Horses to be bought. The Host answered, yesterday came hither a strange Merchant with fifteen fair Palfreys intending to sell them at the feast that the Duke of *Brittain* doth make to the Kings Daughter of *Aragon*, among which our Earl hath chosen three of the best, and hath offered for them three hundred Crowns, but the Merchant demanded twenty more, *Fortunatus* being thus terrified, went into his Chamber, and privily took

out of his Purse six hundred Crowns which he put into a Bag, and said to the Host, where is the Merchant with his Horses: I would fain see them. The Host said, I believe the Man will scarcely let you see them, for he was very unwilling to shew them unto the Earl. Then said *Fortunatus*, if the Horses like me well, I dare perhaps sooner buy them than the Earl: the Host supposed he had but jested in so boasting himself, being so simply apparelled and also a Footman; yet brought he him to the Horse Master, with whom he communied so far, that they were brought forth and ridden before him. He liked them all well, but ment to buy only those two which the Earl had cheapened, whereof he readily delivered for them three hundred and twenty Crowns, and ordered them to be brought to his Inn. He bespoke also costly Saddles and trim'd Furniture for them, desired his host to provide him two comly Servants, whom he promised to give good Enter tainment. Whilst he was thus furnishing himself after the bravest Manner, the Earl had intelligence that he had bought horses which he thought to have had where- at he was greatly displeased, and inwardly vexed; especially for that he was so disappointed, when as he purposed to accompany many noble Estates at the solemn Wedding Feast

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Feast. Wherefore in great Indignation he sent one of his Men unto the Inn-keeper, to demand what manner of Man he was that had so spitefully bought the horses out of his hands. The host said, he knew him not, but that he came into the Inn as a Foot-man, furnished with Armour as a horse-man, requiring me to procure horses for him, and promised therefore to content me. But after he had once dined with me, I liked him so well, that except he had payed me for the first, I would not have trusted him for the second, lest he should have beguiled me. Then said the Servant to the host wherefore would you seem to wain him to the horses. The Inn-keeper answered, therein have I done as every honest host ought to do for his Guest in such a case. And altho' he required me to go with him to cheapen such fair horses, yet I thought him scarce able to buy silly asses.

## C H A P. XIV.

*How Fortunatus was taken Prisoner, and strictly examin'd concerning the Purse.*

**T**H E Servant returning with this Answer to the Earl, who being informed that he was no Gentleman, commanded his Men in a great Rage, to lay hands on him, laying



laying, That he had surely committed some great Robbery, or murdered some Man. The Servants executed his Commandment, and enclosed him in a loathsome Prison, asking whence, and what he was?

He answered, I was born in a Town of *Cyprus* called *Famagosta*, and I am the Son of a poor Gentleman,

Then asked the Earl by what means he got so much Money, He said my Money is my own. truly gotten, and therefore I trust your honour will not rigorously enforce me to recount from whence I had it: But if any Man can prove or say that I have done Wrong to any Creature, or come untruly by it, I shall willingly stand to thy Law and Mercy To this, said the Earl, thy protesting will not avail thee, but thou shalt e'er you depart, confess where and how thou hast obtained this Money: with that they caused him to be brought to the Rack; when *Fortunatus* saw how extreemly he should be dealt withal, he was sore afraid, howbeit he purposed rather to die, than to open the secret Vertues of his purse; But when he was Racked, and felt the grievous Pangs and Torments thereof, he cryed to them to unloose him, and promised to utter whatsoever they would ask. Then being again-demanded how he came by so many fair Crowns,

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he said, *After I had wander'd three Days in the Wood and with much ado at length came out into the Fields I found a Purse wherein were six hundred and ten Crowns :* Then asked the Earl where is the purse? *Fortunatus said when I had told the Money I put in my own Bag, and cast the purse into the River that runneth by the Wood.* The Earl said, Thou Varrēt, wilt thou rob me of that which is mine? Thou shalt well understand that both thy Body and Goods are forfeited unto me, forasmuch as whatsoever is in the Wood is mine own. Then said *Fortunatus, Gracious Lord, I am not of your jurisdiction therein for I thank God therefore, and esteemed it a Gift.* And smildest thou, said the Earl, this to be a sufficient Excuse for thee? Didst thou never hear say, that he which is Ignorant must die? Therefore to be short, prepare thy Goods, and to morrow thy Life.

Then thought *Fortunatus* with himself, miserable Wretch that I am, how uncircumspect was I having the free Election of Gifts, that I chose not Wisdom before the rest, for then I had not fallen into this danger and Thralldom. And then he cried for Mercy, saying, *O gracious Lord, have compassion on the poor wandering Wight, and seek my Death, which will nothing avail you*  
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Take unto you the found Goods, which be yours;  
and spare me my Life which God hath lent me,  
and I will evermore pray truly for your good Estate.

The Earl was very loath to pardon him, because he feared he might make an ill Report of his Rigour, where he should come, which might return to his Reproach among other Noble Estates, they hearing thereof. Notwithstanding he being moved to Mercy by the intreaty of oi his Men, granted him his Life, but bereft him of all his Goods excepting the harness; which he rendred to him again, with a Crown also in his Purse: the Earl moreover in the morning before Day, commanded his Men to bring him without the Town, and there to make an Oath of him, that he should never again come into his Jurisdiction, so long as he lived: *Fortunatus* inwardly rejoiced that he had so well escaped, for if the Earl had but known the truth, most likely he had been bereft of his most precious Purse. After this, came *Fortunatus* to *Angiers*, which is the chief Town of *Britain*, situated by the Sea coast, where then lodged many Lords with noble Estates waiting for the Appearance of the Dutchess whom they purposed to welcome with all kind of Martial Games Dancing, Masking, and other such triumphant Pastimes. Of this, was *Fortunatus* ver-

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glad: And being desirous to advance himself among them, thought thus with himself if I should doin all Points as I might if I list, peradventure i should be served as i was lately by the Earl.

Howbeit he ventured once again to buy three fair horses, with costly Furniture, and hired two Servants, cloathed both them and himself presently in trim Apparell, and so lodged in the best Inn of *Angiers*, there intending to wait the Dutchess coming; and to receive her in the Company of other gentlemen. So the Dutchess being landed, was met by many Nobles of great Estates, and so convey'd to *Angiers*, where the Duke held a great Feast, for the space of six Weeks and three Days.

## C H A P. XV.

*How Fortunatus entertained an Irish Gentleman to be his Guide and Companion in Travelling.*

**F**ortunatus delighted in the Company of such lusty Gallants, and with the sight of many sumptuous shows, used very often to go and come to the Court with his goodly horses, and his two Men, leaving nothing worth behind him in the Inn: which the host misliked, forasmuch as he knew him not, fearing least he would give him the slip

slip, and leave him in the Lurch for his  
 Charges, as others had done at the like Feast  
 before : Therefore said he unto *Fortunatus*  
 Good Friend (since I have so small Acquaintance  
 with you) I pray you let me be dis-  
 charged, for what you have had every Day  
 before you rid to the Court. With that  
*Fortunatus* smiled,, and said to the host, I  
 mean not to depart without paying you to  
 the utmost ; and for a sufficient Testimony  
 to satisfy thy Mind, take here of me these  
 hundred Crowns, and when thou thinkest  
 that I and mine that come with me, have  
 spent the Value thereof, tell it me, and I  
 will give thee more : Neither will I expect  
 any strict Account of thee. The Host re-  
 ceived the Money, and after that, much  
 more reverently esteemed of *Fortunatus*, veil-  
 ing his Bonnet always when he passed by,  
 setting him in the worthiest Room at the  
 Table, with the best, and placed him in a  
 handiomer Chamber, then he had before.

As *Fortunatus* sat at the Board with many  
 Lords, thither resorted several sorts of Mu-  
 sicians to make Mirth and Pastime for Mo-  
 ney : Amongst whom, came before them,  
 a lusty Old Man, declaring unto them his  
 Poverty : And said moreover, That he was  
 a Gentleman of *Ireland*, and that in Seven  
 Years space, he had travelled throughout

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his Ten Empires, and Twenty Kingdoms, whereby, said he, I am driven to this poor Estate, and therefore I beseech your honours to assist me with your courteous Liberality towards my Charges, to pass home into my Country; A certain Earl sitting at the Board bidd him to name all the Countries thro' which he had passed.

The old Gentleman did as he was requested truly, and at large: And said furthermore. There is few of these Kingdoms but hath also, at the least, three or four Dukes under it, besides other Earls and Lords, both Spiritual and Temporal: All these have been seen, which have every one their proper language, whereof I learned so much, as I need were, I could express my Mind in any of them. I have moreover in Writing, the Name of every King that then reigned when I was in his Court, and the true Distance from every Kingdom to the other. The Earl said, would God I had been with thee every where, so I were here again as I am now, and therewith gave him four Crowns, and offered him also if he would stay there whilst the Feast lasted, to pay for his Charges; The Gentleman thanked him for his Gift and generous Proffer, and said, he much longed to see his Friends and native Country, and therefore was loath any longer

longer to stay. *Fortunatus* had given good Attention to the old Gentleman's discourse and thought in his Mind, if I might have him to guide me through strange Countries. I would richly reward him. So presently after Dinner, he sent for the Gentleman, and asked his Name, who answered I am called *Leopoldus*. Then said *Fortunatus*, I perceive even now by your Words, that you have wander'd through many Kingdoms; I am a young Man, earnestly disposed to pass my Youth in Travel, for Experience and Wisdom, if thou therefore wilt vouchsafe to be my Guide and Companion, I will give thee a good Horse for thy self, and another for thy Man, whom I will maintain to attend on thee, allowing you will spend with Reason, and I will esteem thee as my Brother.

Then said *Leopoldus*, I could be content to enjoy such courteous Entertainment, but alas! I am Old, and have a Wife and Children, that know not what is become of me, and therefore natural Love compels me to return home again.

Then said *Fortunatus*, if thou wilt agree to fulfil my request, I likewise faithfully promise thee, that I will also go with you into *Ireland*: And will moreover endow thy self, thy Wife, and thy Children (if they be alive)

live) with Riches sufficient, if our Journey speed well, and that we may safe return to *Famagosta* (that lieth in the Isle of Cyprus) and I will there provide thee a house. Men-servants and Maidens, and all other things necessary during thy Life, if you approve of staying there.

Leopoldus thought with himself, this young Man promiseth me very much, and if he be able to perform it accordingly, it falleth out luckily for me in my old Age: And therewith said to Fortunatus, I am content to grant your Request, so far as you accomplish your Promise. But I would not wish you to undertake such a matter, except you have so much ready Money as shall be requisite, for Travel requires infinite Charges, if we look to be well entreated.

Then said *Fortunatus*, for Money care thou not, for in every Country I can get enough. Be content therefore to promise that thou wilt remain with me to my full Journey's End. He said again: Promise you me also to give me that which you bequested: Thus did they faithfully vow, the one not to forsake the other, what Danger soever might betide: When they were thus both agreed, *Fortunatus* gave to *Leopoldus* two hundred Crowns, saying, Go and buy two good horses, and hire thee a Servant, or if you will

a Couple, and when that Money is spent, I will give thee more. *Leopoldus* thinking this a good beginning, furnish'd himself with a Horse and a Man. The like did *Fortunatus* also, and took with him but two Servants and a Page; so that they were in all six Persons. Then agreed they upon the guests of their Journey, determining first to travel over the whole Empire of *Rome*, and so took their nearest Way by *Noremberg*, *Word*, *Auburg*, *Norlingen*, *Usne*, *Constance*, *Basil*, *Strasburg*, *Pentz*, *Colen*, and so from *Colen* to *Bruges* in *Flanders*, and from thence to *London* in *England*, which is the chief City of the Realm, and so next to *Edinburgh* the head City in *Scotland*, which is nine Days Journey from *London*.

#### C H A P. XVI.

*How Fortunatus accompanied his Man home where they went together to St. Patrick's Purgatory.*

AND when they were there, they had yet three Days Journey into *Ireland* where *Leopoldus* dwelt: When they were arrived in *London*, *Leopoldus* requested his Master to go with him to his house, which was in a Town called *Waldrink*: Where at his return, he found his Wife and Children



as he had left them, having that one of his Daughters were married, all which were glad of his coming. And whereas *Fortunatus* consider'd that *Leopoldus*, had no more provision, than was needful for his Household he gave him an hundred Crowns to ordain all things after the most sumptuous manner, against he should come to make good Cheer with him. Whereof *Leopoldus* made provision of great plenty of delicate Victuals, and had his Children with their Husbands and Wives, and many other Friends and Neighbours to accompany his Master at that Feast. So there was kept such bountiful hospitality for that time, that all the Town were the better for him.

*Fortunatus* after the Feast was ended, called unto him, *Leopoldus*, and said, thou must now again take thy Leave of thy Wife and Children, wherefore receive here of me three purses, in each of them is 500 Crowns, whereof thou shalt Give one to thy Wife, another to thy Son, and the third to thy Daughter, for a farewell that they may have sufficient whereby to live when thou art gone: *Leopoldus* greatly thanked him for his liberal Gifts, and therewith made his Wife and Children exceeding glad. *Fortunatus* understanding that two Days Journey from hence was *St. Patrick's Purgatory*, he was  
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very desirous to see the same : Whereupon they rode unto the City *Vernecks*, wherein is an Abbey, and there behind the Altar in the Church is a Door, within the which is a deep dark hole, the same do Men call *St. Patrick's Purgatory* : But none may go into it without License of the Abbot. Whereupon *Leopoldus* obtained leave of him, of whom he was demanded of what Country his Master was ? he answered, of the Isle of *Cyprus* : Whereupon the Abbot invited *Fortunatus* to Dinner, which pleased him well. So at his coming, he presented the Abbot with a Vessel of the best Wine he could get : The Abbot returned him many Thanks, for in that Country they seldom use any Wine, except it be in Ministering the Sacrament. When the Dinner was finish'd, *Fortunatus* said unto the Abbot, May it please your honour to let me understand upon what occasion this hole was named *St. Patrick's Purgatory* ? The Abbot answered, saying, many hundred Years since was this Town, and this Abbey a desolate Wilderness, and not far from it, dwelt an Abbot called *Patrick* who was a very devout Man.

He oftentimes resorting to this Desert to do some work of Penance, one Day by chance, found this long and deep hole, into which he went so far, that he could not

return

return; with that he fell on his Knees, praying unto God instantly, that if it were his pleasure he would deliver him out of that dark Dungeon: Whilst he thus devoutly prayed, it seemed to him that he heard yet further off a pitious Cry. In the meanwhile suddenly he was deliver'd out of the hole, whereof he joyfully praising the Lord for his mercy, went again into the Cloister, and became more devout; than he was before. And so in perpetual memory of his chance, was this Abbey builded by devout Men. Fortunatus then asked farther, what the pilgrims reported that came thence out again, the Abbot said, I seldom enquire of them: but some say, they have heard a pitiful Screeking: others report, they have neither seen or heard anything at all, but that they have been sore afraid. then said Fortunatus, I am come from far Countries to this Place, and if I should return home without some certain trial of such a Monument in my own person, it should be a Reproach to me: therefore will I not go hence till I have been in the hole. Then said the Abbot, you will needs adventure, beware you not in too far, for there be many by-ways, wherein you may go astray, as many others have done in my Time, which have not been found till three Days after. Fortunatus asked

asked of *Leopoldus* whether he would adventure in with him: He said, yea; I will go into any Place with you so long as God spare me my Life. That *Fortunatus* liked well whereupon they receiving the holy Sacrament; on the Morrow the Priest let them in, blessed them, and shut the Door after them.

There they wandring in the Dark, the length wist not to go backward or forward, for they soon went astray; neither could they hear the Calling of the Priest in the Morning, whereon they trusted, and they the bolder adventur'd; thus they not knowing how to help themselves, and being hungry and faint, they wholly despair'd of all Succour, and dreaded their Lives, they sat down as Men forlorn, neither hearing nor seeing any thing at all, and therefore made their humble Prayers to God, saying Almighty Lord, assist us with thy Power, some means or other, for in this loathsome Den, neither Silver nor Gold can our avail, though we have it at Will, but in thee only is our Trust. The Priest in the meanwhile signified unto the Abbot, that the Pilgrims were not as yet come out again whereof he was very sorry; especially because of *Fortunatus*, who had presented himself so liberally. The Servants also at the Door watched

watched continually ; and greatly lamented  
for their Masters : But the Abbot notwith-  
standing remembred himself of an old Man  
who many Years before had measured the  
Hole with a Cord, for him he sent, and  
requested him to try whether he could bring  
forth the Men, the Servants also promised  
him an hundred Crowns for his pains, the  
old Man said, if they be yet alive, I shall  
surely bring them forth, and therewith pre-  
pared a Musical Instrument, played on it,  
and so passes from one hole to the other, un-  
til he had found them, being very feeble and  
faint ; whom he ordered to take hold of him,  
and so follow the sound of his Instrument,  
as the blind followeth his Guide, so by the  
help of God, and the old Man's Assistance,  
came they again to the light, whereof the  
Abbot was very glad ; for he feared if those  
two Pilgrims had been lost, that no more  
would have resorted thither, whereby he and  
his Convent should fare the worse. The  
Men also told *Fortunatus* that they had pro-  
mised an hundred Crowns to the old Man  
for searching them out, which he forthwith  
delivered with many thanks : He ordered also  
a sumptuous dinner, whereto he invited the  
Abbot and his Brethren, thanking God for  
his Deliverance, out of so great a Danger.  
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hundred Crowns, to the intent they should pray for his prosperous Success. Then took they their leave of the Abbot, and setting forward to accomplish their purposed Journey, travelled back the near way, to *Callis*, and from thence to *Sz Joss* in *Picardy* and so by *Paris*, through *France*, *Spain*, *Nables*, and *Rome*, unto *Venice*.

## C H A P. XVII.

*How Fortunatus went to Constantinople, to the Coronation of the young Emperor.*



**W**HEN they were come to *Venice*, they heard say that the Emperor of *Constantinople* would have his Son Crowned Emperor, and because he was himself very old, he would yield up unto him the whole Authority and Jurisdiction of the Empire ; for the Term of both their Lives ; where-  
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upon the *Venetians* appointed a worshipping Embassador to go to the young Emperor in a Galley, and to deliver unto him certain Jewels sent in Token of Gratulation from them. *Fortunatus* therefore bargained with the Master of the Galley, so that he and his Men passed therein to *Constantinople*, which is a great and famous City. There were assembled such a Number of People of divers Nations, that there was hardly any Lodging to be had; and although the *Venetians* had designed a House for their use, yet would they admit no Stranger under them, so that *Fortunatus* and his Men seeking long for a Lodging, at last they chanced on one (such as it was) whereof the Host was a Thief. There continued they a great while, going every day forth to see the Triumphs and Royalties of the Emperor's Court.

*Fortunatus* always when he went abroad, caused his Chamber Door to be fast Locked, supposing when all things to be safe. But the Host had a privy entrance into the Chamber, where the greatest Bedstead was through the Cieling, where he had taken his Board out, and put it in again that none might perceive it, and there entered he in and out when he listed: And when they were all abroad, he would search the Bales and Budgets, and could find no Money. Wherefore he thinking it likely that they carried their Money with them sowed in their doublets; when as they reckoned with him for their Charges, he marked diligently from whence they took the Money, and perceived that *Fortunatus* took it from under the Table, gave it to *Leopoldus* in paying the Host, abating nothing; for so he is ordered always to do. But the Host was not

therewith content, but would gladly also have had both the Money and the Purse. About this time was the Day at hand wherein he had vowed in Memorial of *Lady Fortunes Gift*, to bestow four hundred pieces of Gold towards the Marriage of some poor Maiden: Wherefore he asked of the Host, whether he knew any poor honest Man that had a Daughter marriageable, and was not able to bestow her for want of ability; such a one, said he, bring unto me, and I will bestow largely on her to prefer on her Marriage. The Host said, of such you may have plenty, and to Morrow I will bring you an honest Man; who shall bring with him a modest and comely Maiden; this *Fortunatus* liked very well. But then thought the Host with himself this Night will I rob him of his Money before he bestow it. So the same Night did he convey himself into their Chamber through the Cieling, when they were all asleep, and searched their Cloaths, supposing to have found great Sums of Money in their Doublets; but therein he was sadly deceived; howbeit out of *Leopoldus* purse he took forty Ducats, and handled *Fortunatus's* purse on the out-side also; but when he felt no Money therein he cast it under the Bedstead, which when he had done, he went forth, and sat open the Doors and the Windows, as though some strange Thieves had been there.

When *Leopoldus* awaked, and saw the Windows and Door open, he rebuked the Men for their Negligence, but the Servants being fast asleep, started up suddenly half amazed, saying that they also were ignorant thereof. With that *Leopoldus* was greatly afraid, and looked for his purse, which he perceived to be cut off, and a piece of the String hanging

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yet at his Girdle, Then calling to *Fortunatus*, said  
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 ed to his Doublet, and perceiving his *Fourrtunate*  
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 ing of his great Loss rubbed and refreshed him, so  
 that his Spirits were revived again. As they were  
 thus affrighted and in great perplexity, in came the  
 Host, and set a grim countenance on the matter,  
 asking them angrily what ailed them to be so un-  
 quiet. They told him that they were robbed of  
 their Money; then said he *What careless Men are*  
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 answered when we went to Bed we both shut the Win-  
 dows and locked the Door, but now we find them all open  
 Then said the Host look that ye have not robed one another  
 and there be also at this present many strangers and  
 lusty Fellows in the City, who perhaps hath more skill to  
 break into your Chamber than we know of. Howbeit  
 when he saw them in such sorrowful plight he ask-  
 ed *Fortunatus* whether he had lost any great Sum of  
 Money. He said not much. Then said the Host,  
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 little Money, yester day you would have bestowed a po r  
 Mans Daughter in Marriage; spare now the Money  
 and bestow it on your self. Then said *Fortunatus*, I  
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*Fortunatus* was so sad and heavy for his purse (though  
 he was a desperate and hard hearted Fellow) yet  
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was he moved with some compassion; saying, Let us yet search narrowly about the chamber, by chance we may find it, for no Thief regardeth an empty purse. With that every Man began to search, and one of them creeping under the Bed-stead found the purse and shewed it *Fortunatus*, who presently knew the same; but yet feared greatly lest that by the cutting it had lost its virtue, which he sore longed to know but durst not as yet make tryal in his sight: for he misdoubted the worst, that if any had known the quality of the purse, they would have murdered him for it. So then lay he down in his Bed again and privily under the covering put his Hand into the purse, and found that it had retained still the Virtue it had before; where of he was exceeding glad. Howbeit he was sore affrighted with fear, and vexed with anger and sorrow before, that he could not so soon Perfectly recover his former strength and colour, but remaining so in his Bed all that Day *Leopoldus* came to comfort him, saying good Sir pluck up your lively Spirits and be content, we have left fair Horses, Chains, and Rings of Gold, and other Jewels; and although we have no Money we will sell all these things and by Gods help bring you safe Home again: for i have full often passed many Countries without money: For *Leopoldus* thought in his mind that *Fortunatus* had Riches sufficient at Home, if he might attain thither. But *Fortunatus* answered faintly and said, he that looseth Goods looseth Understanding; Wisdom is to be chosen before Riches; also Health, Strength, Beauty, and long Life, can no man steal, and therewith hold his peace. *Leopoldus* knew not what he meant by those affectionate Words neither knew he which he

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had chosen of all these gifts. And supposing that such sudden passion proceeded of the lightness and Disturbance of his Head, was no farther inquisitive to know the meaning. Howbeit after a while *Fortunatus* being with warm Meat refreshed, his colour was restored, and began to be merry again, commanding his Servants to provide Candles to keep light in the chamber all the Night long and that they should have their naked Swords ready drawn by them, to prevent the like attempt of Thieves. In the Morning went *Fortunatus* with his Men into the Church of *Sephia* and there gave to the Priest ten pieces of Gold, that they should in our Lady's Chapel, which was fair and sumptuous caused a Sermon, to be made and *Te Deum* to be sung to the praise of God. From thence went he to the place where Merchants and Exchanger resorted, and ordered all his Men to go Home to tend the Horses, and Prepare their Dinner; and he delivered to *Leopoldus* certain Money to buy five purses, saying I will go to my Exchanger to take up some Money of which we may not in any case be long destitute. When *Leopoldus* had bought the Purses *Fortunatus* put in one of them an hundred Ducats which he delivered to *Leopoldus* to be disbursed upon ordinary expences he gave also unto each of his three Men a purse with ten Ducats therein and said be Merry and Wise take good heed that no such Danger befall us, a hath of late happened. They all thanked him, and promised their diligent and careful Service to their utmost power. he moreover Put four hundred Ducats into the fifth Purse, sending for the host, to whome he said, do I pray as I requested concerning some poor Man's

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Daughter, on whom I purpose to bestow liberally towards her Marriage. The Host said, I will bring unto you a Man with his Daughter; that you may see them. With that he went to the poor Man, and told him he had a rich Guest, take (said he) your Daughter with you and go with me, and thou shalt see how well the matter shall fall out for your Advantage as I trust.

## C H A P. XVIII.

*How Fortunatus bestowed four hundred Ducats towards the Marriage of a poor Maiden.*

THE Maiden's Father was a Joyner, an honest and homely Fellow, who said to the Host I would be loath to bring my Daughter any where abroad, I wot not to whom, least she should be abused and lose her Virginity, which is the chiefest Jewel that she hath to make her fit for a Husband. Therefore tell the Gentleman, if he mean to do her any good, that if it please him he may come hither to see her. Hereat was the Host displeased, and declaring his uncourteous answer, supposed that *Fortunatus* would be therewith offended also. But he took it in good part, and was well content, and taking *Leopoldus* with him, ordered the Host to bring him to the Man's House to whom he said, My Host here hath given me to understand that thou hast a fair Daughter, which is at Woman's Estate, let her come unto me with her Mother. He asked for what intent: Perhaps said *Fortunatus* more for thy Advantage than thou knowest of. With that the poor Man called for his Wife and his Daughter, which were ashamed of their homely

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ly apparel, especially the bishfal Maiden, which hovered behind her Mother's back: Howbeit this was both fair and well favoured; to whom *Fortunatus* said, stand forth fair Virgin before me, and be not ashamed. Then asked he her Father of her age who said she is full twenty Years old. Then said he, why have you kept her so long unmarried to which the Mother made quick speed to answer before her Husband, saying she was tall and old enough six years ago, but we wanted ability to marry her. Then said *Fortunatus* if I would bestow on her a large Dowry, could you forth with find out a Husband fit for her? Then said the Mother our Neighbour hath a Son who beareth up on her good will, who I know only for want of Wealth would take her to be his Wife; then asked he the Maiden how she liked her Neighbours Son; she answered, *I will in no case make my own choice, though I should die without a Husband, but whom my Father and my mother will appoint unto me the same will I have:* With that the Mother could not stay from speaking and said, *I know she saith not as she thinketh, and I am certain she loveth him, and would fain have him before any other.* *Fortunatus* then sending for the young man whom at the first sight he liked very well, poured out of the Purse four hundred Ducats upon the Table before them; and said to the young man who was but thirty Years old, wilt thou be content to wed this maid: and to the Maid he said, Art thou willing to have this Man for a husband, and I am disposed to give you freely this little Money for Dowry: Then answered the young Man, saying if you be in good earnest, and indeed will perform your promise, for my part we

shall be soon agreed. The Mother without further pausing gave her consent, and said, then doth my Daughter likewise agree thereto: Whereupon *Fortunatus* forthwith sent for a Priest, and caused them to be Married in presence of their Parents. and after it was finished, he gave unto them the Money which he had brought only for that purpose. He gave also to the Father ten Ducats more to keep the marriage Feast; whereof they were all glad, thanking greatly *Fortunatus*, and praised God for their good fortune, saying among them, God hath surely sent this Man from Heaven to help the poor.

After this they went again to their Inn, but *Leopoldus* marvelled that his Master was so liberal to give Money so lightly, whereas before he was so sad for a little Money that he had lost. The Host likewise was grieved that he could not find the Purse with the four hundred Ducats, when as he searched so narrowly; and therefore thought thus with himself, since he hath so much to give away, I must needs empty his Purse once again: He therefore knowing that they had a Taper of Wax burning all Night, when they were all gone forth to the Court, brake privily into the Chamber, made holes in the Tapers, poured in Water, and stopped them close that it could not be perceived; so that when it had burnt two or three Hours, it should quench and go out of itself. So much about as the Emperor's Feast was nigh ended, when as he knew *Fortunatus* would depart, he determined the same Night to rob his Guest again. Wherefore he provided for them against they came from the Court, the best Wine that he could get, and gave it them of his own free

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## C H A P. XXIX.

*How Leopoldus slew the unfaithful Host at Constantinople.*



**B**UT the Host lay waiting for his Prey, and when he perceived the Light to be quenched, he crept thro' the Hole which he had made before coming first to *Leopoldus* under whose Head when he began to grope. *Leopoldus* therewith suddenly awaked, and with his Sword that lay ready by him striking about him in the Dark, so wounded the Thief

Thief in the Neck; that he fell dead to the ground. Then call'd *Leopoldus* angrily to the Men, and said, *Why have you put out the Light?* They answer'd, that none of them had done it. Then bid he one of them to go quickly and fetch a Light, and the rest to stand with their Swords about the Door; For, said he, *let none go out, here is a Thief in the Chamber.* When the Light came, they found the Host deadly wounded, lying by *Leopoldus* Bed-side. When *Fortunatus* saw that, he was more afraid than ever he was in his Life; and said, *Alas that ever we came to Constantinople; it is not much to lose our Goods, but now shall we be bereft of our Lives also.* And therewith said to *Leopoldus*. *What a heinous Fact hast thou committed in slaying our Host, if thou hadst but wounded him, by God's Help, and Money, we might have escaped.* *Leopoldus* answered, *It was dark I knew not where, nor whom I smote; but my Intent was to strike a Thief that groped under my head, who likely hath robbed us before; therefore if the Truth was known why he was slain, we should be in danger neither of Life nor Goods.* Then said *Fortunatus*, *It will in no case be believed if we make our Host a Thief for his Friends will not suffer us to escape, neither will Money nor Reason help in this Behalf.* *Fortunatus* also in this Distress thought thus, if I had a Friend whom I durst trust, to shew him the Secrets of my Purse (tho' we were imprisoned) and declare the Truth of the Matter, perhaps the Judge would be intreated for a great Sum of Money offered by that Friend, to spare us our Lives, and deliver us: Contrarywise he thought again, if I hazard my Purse upon Man's Credit, it will be so acceptable to him that rather than restore it again, instead of Friend-

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ship he will exaggerate the Crime, saying unto the Judge, that it were a great Shame and Reproach, that Guests murdering their Host should escape unpunished. Wherefore he concluded by his own reason, that it were not good to trust any Man with his Purse, or with a great Sum of Money, lest it should the sooner work their Destruction; so that he was in great Perplexity. When *Leopoldus* saw his Master and his Fellow Servants so dismayed, he said unto them. *Why stand you thus trembling and amazed. no Sorrow will help when a Mischiefe is once done, neither can we revive him again; let us therefore speedily devise, and consult together with a bold Courage, how we may escape this present Danger.* Then said *Fortunatus*, I cannot devise what is to be done, (repenting inwardly again, that he had not chose Wisdom instead of Riches) but if thou *Leopoldus* canst give us any good Counsel, perform it with Speed. *Leopoldus* said, then follow me, and do as I bid you, and with God's Help I will bring us all hence without any Danger. This Speech of *Leopoldus* somewhat revived their Spirits.

C H A P. XXX.

*How Fortunatus and his Men conveyed themselves out of Danger from Constantinople.*

**L** *Leopoldus* willing them to be silent, and to hide the Light, took the dead Corps on his Back, and cast it into a deep Well by the Stabbe, with the Head downward. It was then about Midnight so that no body saw or heard him. Then returned he to the Chamber, and said, I have rid us of this Thief, so that in a while none can know where he is become,

become of him. I suppose also that he made no one privy to his Attempt; so that it is far unlike to be descryed that we have done ought unto him, therefore be merry again, and pluch up your Hearts, He said moreover to his Servants, Go speedily and prepare your Horses with Whistling, singing, and pleasant Communication, and in any case look that none of you shew a sorrowful Countenance, and we will do the like: then as soon as the Day doth



break we will ride away, so that we shall be six Miles hence at the least before the Host shall be missed. With this *Fortunatus* was comforted, and framed himself a pleasant Gesture. When the Horses were ready, they called for Ma'nsley, and made all merry, with lusty and frolick Demearour, and at their Departure, gave unto every Servant a Ducat. *Leopoldus* said, I trust we shall return within a Month, and make merry here again. Then *For-*

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*Fortunatus* took his Leave, and said to the Servants of the House thank our Host for his friendly Entertainment, and tell him that I would have brought a Cup of Malmsey to his Bedside, but that I thought Rest would do him more good; with that rode they north of the Door towards Turkey, with all possible Speed, and took their next Bait in a City called *Raropia*, in the *Turkish* Empire; in which was an Officer whose Charge was to convey all the strange and Christian Merchants, and to give them a Passport through the Country. Whereupon *Leopoldus* having former Experience thereof, went presently to the Officer, and told him, there were six Pilgrims that required a safe Conduct to ride with them. He answered, you shall be safely conveyed, but I will have of each of you four Crowns, and the Guide must have a Crown a Day. *Leopoldus*, though he thought it overmuch, made not many Words, but gave him the Money, and the Officer delivered him a Passport in Writing, and sent with him an expert Guide who conveyed him through all Turkey. *Fortunatus* by this time, having abandoned all Dread and Care for his Thievish Host, behaved himself cheerfully, and so rode lastly to the Great Turk's Court, and beholding there his exceeding Riches, and the infinite Multitude of Soldiers that he continually maintained in Garrison's, marvelled at the Mightiness and Glory of his Empire, and especially to see many Mamelukes and Enemies to Christian Religion, which greatly disliked him: and therefore stayed not long there, but went from thence to the great *Walachia*, wherein was Ruler, *Tracola Waidia*, and so came to the Kingdom of *Bosna*, from *Bosna*, orderly through *Croatia*, *Dalmatia*, the City

City of *Buda* in *Hungaria*, from *Buda* to *Cracovia* in *Poland*; and so to *Copenhagen* in *Denmark*, to *Stockholm* in *Swedia*, to *Pargon* in *Norway*, to *Prague* in *Bohemia*; and so the next Way through the Dukedom of *Saxony* to *Frankenland*, and then to *Ausborough*. There met he with certain Merchants, and accompanying them to *Venice*, payed all their Charges. *Fortunatus* had registred in a Book the Names, Usages, Ceremonies, Religions, and the Courtly Demeanours of all those Countries, Cities, Emperors, Kings and People, by whom he had travelled. But now in the Time he stayed at *Venice*, he laid wait for the fairest Jewels that could be gotten, not sticking for the Price, were it never so great; whereby the *Venetians* received of him a great Sum of Money, so that he was highly esteemed among them. He remembered also in what Poverty he had left his Father and Mother, when he departed from *Famagosta*, bought much fair Cloth, Velvet, and Silks for their Apparel, and costly Household Stuff, of every sort double; and also bought a Ship to convey all those Goods into *Cyprus*. It was now the sixteenth Year since he departed, and when he came to *Famagosta*, it was told him that his Father and Mother were both dead, whereof he was very sorry.

He then hired a large House, wherein he bestowed his Goods, and entertained many more Men-Servants, and Maidens for all Purposes, and from thenceforth maintained most stately and sumptuous Hospitality, that of every Man he was had in great Estimation. Howbeit many mused and marvelled how he had obtained such Wealth, whereas many knew that he departed in extream Poverty.

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## C H A P. XXXI.

*How the King of Cyprus made a Marriage between Fortunatus and the Lord Nemians youngest Daughter.*

**A**ND as soon as he might bring it to pass, he purchased again his Father's House and many more thereto adjoining; all which he caused to be plucked down, and in that Place built a goodly large Palace after the bravest manner, like as he had seen in other Countries. And by the House also he founded a sumptuous Church, and twelve more Houses for twelve Priests to continue in divine Service of God, as it were a Chauntry or Cathedral Minister, for the Revenues whereof he also allowed yearly fourteen hundred Ducats; that was, for every Priest one hundred, and the other two for the Reparation and Ornaments of the Church. He caused moreover to be made in the Minister three Tombs, one for his Father, the other for his Mother, whose Bones he caused to be digged up, and buried therein, and the third to be reserved for himself and his Heirs. When all things were finished to his Mind, he purposed to take a Wife, which when the Nobility and Gentry of Cyprus understood, every one which had the fairest Daughters, set them forth to the utmost Shew, by training them up with fine Qualities, nurturing them with good Behaviour, and trimming them in comely and gorgeous Attire: But amongst all others, not far from Famagosta dwelt an Earl, named Nemian, which had three Daughters, who were passing fair, whom the King counselled to bestow one of them on *Fortunatus*



*Fortunatus*, if he might, and offered himself also to break the Matter, if the Earl was so content. Now the Earl tho' he was not very rich, seemed at first to make little Account of *Fortunatus*, saying to the King: If he should be a Suitor to any of my Daughters, would your Grace advise me to give my Consent? for we know he hath no Lands, nor yearly Revenues; and whereas perhaps he had great Sum of ready Money, we see how he hath bestowed it in sumptuous Buildings, wherein cometh no Profit. And albeit he hath sufficient Store yet left. Money is casual and may soon be consumed and lost, and he come to be in Poverty at the End, as his Father did who sometime was exceeding rich and puissant. Then said the King to the Earl, I have been certified by them which have seen it, that he hath many precious Jewels as would buy an Earldom, and yet will sell none of them, I hear say also that he hath travelled through many Nations, whereby it is to be supposed that he would not have built such a gorgeous Palace, and a Chantry which he hath so endowed with perpetual Rents, except he well knew how to maintain an Estate agreeable. And therefore if you will do by my Counsel, you shall (now he is disposed to marry) offer unto him one of your Daughters. And if so be you are willing so to do, I my self will do my Diligence in first motioning of the Matter, not doubting to bring it to pass. For *Fortunatus* I know will do much at my Request: and indeed I had rather he should match in a Noble Kindred, than with one of a meaner Sort; being also unmeet (as to me it seemeth) that one of a base Lineage should possess that fair Palace, and dwell therein: The Earl under-

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standing that *Fortunatus* was greatly in the King's Favour, said, Forasmuch as I perceive it is your Grace's Pleasure that I should give one of my Daughters to *Fortunatus* therein I give your Majesty full Power, both of her and my Goods : Then said the King. Lord *Nemian*, send your three Daughters to my Wife the Queen, and I will cause them to be gorgeously attired, and hope that one of them shall please him ; howbeit I will give him the Choice, to take which he best fancieth ? I will moreover bestow all the Charge of the Wedding Feast, and look what he requireth more, that will I perform, for that thou hast frankly committed both Body and Goods unto me : The Earl humbly thanked his Majesty, and so taking his Leave of the King, rode home, and declared to the Countess his Wife, all the matter, as it was decreed between the King and him.

The Countess liked of their Agreement well, save only that *Fortunatus* was not noble enough of Birth, and that she was loth he should have his free Choice ; for she loved one of them above the rest, whereof she would in no wise make the Earl privy. Howbeit she agreed to his Will ; whereupon she dressed them richly, and appointed a motherly Gentlewoman to be their Guide with an Equipage suitable to their Grandeur, they were sent to Court ; where they, with their Retinue, where they were honourably received. When the King thought it convenient, he sent a Messenger for *Fortunatus*, that he should come to Court. And albeit he was not certified for what cause he was sent for, yet supposing it was for no ill Intent, speedily prepared himself, and rode to the King, by whom he was freely entertained.

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Than said the King unto him ; *Fortunatus*, thou art my Subject, and I am well perswaded of thee that thou wilt have respect unto my Counsel, for that I would be loth to wish you any Evil. I am informed that thou hast built a goodly House, and erected a Church with a Chauntry, and that thou art now minded to marry a Wife ; wherefore fearing least thou shouldest take one whom I should not well like of, I have be thought me of a Wife for thee, by whom the worthiest of thy Lineage shall be advanced : *Fortunatus* answered saying, Gracious Lord, it is true, I am disposed to marry, and meant to have espyed out a Wife to my Liking ; but forasmuch as I now perceive that your Grace will vouchsafe so far to debase your Royal Estate, as to provide so favourably for me, I will seek no farther, but will gladly put my whole Trust and Confidence in your Majesty's Assignment. When he had this Answer of *Fortunatus*, and was also assured of the Earl's Consent, who had committed to him his three Daughters, he thought, a Marriage here was easie to be made, and said to *Fortunatus* as follows.

I have in my Court three fair Ladies, which be all Sisters by one Father and Mother ; the eldest is 18 Years of Age, named *Germana* ; the second is 17 Years old, called *Marcepiea* ; the third lacking four Years of the second, whose Name is *Cassandra*. I will admit thee of these three to take thy Choice ; therefore advise thee, whether thou wilt see them together or one after another. *Fortunatus* made no long Deliberation, but said ; My Sovereign Lord, since your Grace granteth me such free Choice, I require of your Majesty that I may see them all

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three standing together, and hear each of them speak.

The King granted his Request, and sent Word presently to the Queen, that she should cause her Ladies to be trimmed in the best Attire, for that he was coming thither, and bring a Guest with him. When the King thought all Things were ready he would have taken Fortunatus alone with him, who intreated the King, saying, if it please your Grace, suffer this old servant of mine to go with me. The King granted; they took Leopoldus with him, and came into the Chamber where the Ladies were.

C H A P. XX.XII.

How Fortunatus of three Sisters chose the youngest named, Cassandra, for his Wife.

THE King there sitting down, with Fortunatus standing by him, called the three Virgins before his Presence. They reverently kneeling before him, he willed them to stand up, and said first to the Eldest, Tell me, *Germana*, hadst thou rather remain with the Queen, or with thy Father and Mother? She answered, My Sovereign Lord, it is not meet for me to answer that Question, and tho' I might chose, yet would I not follow my own Fancy; but that your Grace, and my Lord and Father do command, the same ought I to obey. Then spake he to the second, saying, *Marcepia*, tell me truly which thou lovest best, thy Father or thy Mother? She likewise answered, Let your Grace pardon me, for it is not convenient to give my Resolution to this Demand. I love them both well, and with all my Heart; if I loved one better than



than the other, I would be sorry my heart should know it, and ashamed my mouth should confess it, for i have found in them both as much natural Love and Friendship, as a daughter might look for of her parents. Then moved the King the youngest to speak, saying, answer me, *Cassandra*, unfeignedly to this Question. if there were in our Court a noble Company preparing to dance your Father and mother standing by if one of them say stand fourth and dance with them, and the other bid you step aside, and not appear among them whose comand would y u obey? She replied, let not your Majesty be offended, your Grace knoweth that i am but young, and Wit cometh not before Age. Your Majesty may also consider the Affections and desies of yourh, therefore it is not for me to disclose my unknown Determination in this Doubt; fore if i obey the one, i must needs displease the other, which i were very loth to do. But yet urged the King further, asking, if either of them must needs be don, whom had you rather please? Then said *Cassandra*, May it please your highness grnat unto me a Year and a day to deliberate of this Question, that I may ask Counsel of wiser than i am to give you a direct Answer. With that the King ceased asking, and troubled them no more. Then went the King aside into another Chamber with *Fortunatus*, and said unto him, *Thy Desire was to see these Ladies, and to hear them speak, which i have shewed thee to the utmost I now therefore determine with thy self which of then thou thinkest meet to be thy Spouse* *Fortunatus* answered *I like them all so well, (my Leige) that I cannot so suddenly say which I may choose; whereof, I beseech*  
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My Majesty to grant me but a little Space to consult  
with my old and trusty Servant Leopoldus therein. The  
King was well content therewith, and so let him  
depart aside to deliberate the matter.

Then *Fortunatus* withdrawing himself into a secret  
place said to *Leopoldus*; Thou hast seen and heard  
these Ladies as well as I, and forasmuch as I consider  
that in matter consisting of meer Fancy, reason  
and right Judgment be often abandoned to willful  
Faction, therefore I do first require your opinion also  
in this case, before I proceed to further choice, de-  
siring thee to counsel me even as the case were thine  
own: *Leopoldus* being somewhat abashed with this  
Command said, Sir, it is not for you to regard my  
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ther liketh of that which is displeasing unto the  
other, and most often it chanceth that every singu-  
lar Man hath a particular Judgment, and that espe-  
cially in the choice of a Woman. Therefore your  
own Affection in this case should be more acceptable  
than any Foreign Counsel; for that good likeing is  
the Root of sound Love. Then said *Fortunatus*, of  
this I full well I know, and that I take a Wife for  
my self and no other; but yet would I fain that  
thou shouldest disclose the secrets of thy heart unto  
me, for thy experience is far greater than mine, to  
judge the inward disposition by the outward marks  
and tokens of Physiognomy, which often proveth  
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*Leopoldus* was very loth to move him any way,  
dreading lest he did not counsel him as his fancy  
was before bent, he would therewith be discontent-  
ed; Howbeit thus much he said, Sir, they all three  
love me very well, and as far as I can guess, they  
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be either Sisters or Sisters Children; neither do mark any tokens of unfaithfulness in them; then asked *Fortunatus* which of those he thought best *Leopoldus* answered, I will not first counsel. neither shall you first choose, lest if I should mislike that you best fancied, you might be offended: Therefore take each of us a peice of Paper, and therein let us write both our minds asunder, you at one end of the table and I at the other, This device liked *Fortunatus* well, and so did accordingly.

When as they had read in each others writing that *Cassandra* was of them both fancied more than the rest, *Fortunatus* was glad that the same liked *Leopoldus*, which liked him, and *Leopoldus* also rejoiced that he had most preferred the Lady whom his Master had chosen, When *Fortunatus* had thus determined with himself, with the Advice also of *Leopoldus*, he went again unto the King and said, my Sovereign Lord the King, for as much as your Grace hath assigned me unto me a Choice, which (though it were not as indeed it is) i ought to sake it in good part esteeming my self not worthy thereof: i therefore humbly presenting unto your Grace my faithful Service in all your affairs; and will imploy my whole might and power to recompence your Beneficence and to satisfy your majesty concerning my determination, i give you now to understand that by your favour and licence, i have chosen *Cassandra* the youngest Sister to be my Spouse, if so like your Majesty to grant me. The King said the request is granted, and so sent presently for the Queen to bring *Cassandra* with her. When the Queen and *Cassandra* were come, the King sent for a Prelate, and caused them to be Married instantly

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wherewith *Cassandra* was very well content, for that she was so suddenly Wedding without the consent or presence of her parents, howbeit the King would needs have it so. Now when the wedding was finished, the Sisters of the Bride, with many other Ladies and Virgins, with courteous Salutations wished unto her good Luck; but yet the two Sisters wept bitterly. *Fortunatus* demanding the Cause of their Mourning, comforted them, saying, Be of good Cheer, lament not at your Sister's good Fortune. lest you be suspected of envious Disdain, rather than be commended for natural Kindness, hope for the best, and I will e'er long, somewhat ease you of your Sorrow, with that he sent forthwith to *Famagosta* for the Jewels that he bought at *Venice*, and gave two of the best to the King and Queen and to the Bride, and her two Sisters, each of them one, which were also very sumptuous, and to every one of the Queen's waiting Ladies he gave a precious Jewel also, for which they all greatly thanked him, and marvelled at his bountiful Liberality. The King then sent for the Earl of *Nemian*, and the Countess his Wife. *Fortunatus* hearing thereof sent *Leopoldus* with the Messengers, and delivered to him 1000 Ducats to give unto the Countess with this Compliment, that her Daughters Husband had sent her that Present, that she might come with Cheartulness to the Wedding Feast of *Cassandra*. The Countess at first was displeased that *Fortunatus* had chosen the youngest, whom she loved most: but when *Leopoldus* had delivered his Message, and gave her the money, she was well pacified; So that she and the Earl dressed themselves gorgeously, and went to Court, where they were received very graciously.

ciously. Their Lodging also was prepared exceedingly sumptuously, and of all kind of delicate Fare they had great Plenty: Insomuch that the Lord said to his Lady, as often as we have repaired to this Court, such Honour was never done us before, wherefore since our King is become so gracious unto us, and hath ordained such a puissant Husband for our Daughter, we are bound to render Thanks to Heaven. And when they were all together, the King said unto *Fortunatus*, now remaineth only the Wedding-Feast to be ordained, which I mean to have kept in my own Palace. Then said *Fortunatus* May it please your Grace to grant me so much, as that I may solemnize the same at *Famagosta*, at my new House, wherein was never yet any Triumphant Pastime. The King said, not so; lest the Lord *Nemian* should be overmuch charged. *Fortunatus* then replied again, saying, no Cost, be it never so great, shall neither grudge nor grieve me, therefore I beseech your Majesty to honour my Feast with your own Person, and the Queen's, and all the Noble Retinue of your Court; and though perhaps, my Entertainment may not be worthy, in all respects, of such Princely and Noble Personages, yet nothing necessary shall be wanting, that Money can procure.

## C H A P. XXXII.

*How the King and Queen of Cyprus accompanied the fair Cassandra to Fortunatus's House, where they were bountifully feasted.*

**W**HEN the King heard *Fortunatus* make such a bountiful and magnificent Proffer, he thought to himself, I would g'adly see his Behaviour

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viour: And said unto him, be it as thou hast requested; and ride home before to make Preparation, and I will come with the Queen, thy Father and Mother-in-Law, thy Spouse, and all our Retinue. *Fortunatus* was glad thereof, thanked the King, and said, your Grace need not be long absent. So he rode forthwith to *Famagosta*, and there provided a magnificent Entertainment. After the fourth day, the King came to *Fortunatus's* House, with no small Number of Nobles; where, at their first Entrance, they were triumphantly received with sundry kinds of Melody, and musical Harmony, with many pleasant Shews to delight their Senses, the House was nobly built, and so richly furnished, that it was most glorious to behold. Thus continued they the whole day, and most Part of the Night, with Feasting, Banquetting, and Dancing, after the most sumptuous manner that might be devised, until *Fortunatus* and fair *Cassandra* were brought to their Chamber; and in like manner continued for fourteen days after. But notwithstanding, the Countess, the Bride's Mother, had seen his Royalty, and all Things so sumptuously accomplished, yet was not she fully satisfied, because *Fortunatus* had no Land, nor yearly Revenues, and so signified unto her Husband the Earl; who said, trouble not your self therewith, for there is no doubt but that he will sufficiently provide for your Daughter. On the next day, went the King, the Earl, and the Countess, had requested him to assign some certain Dowry unto *Cassandra*, what Casualty soever might befall. Then said *Fortunatus*, I have neither Land nor Lordship, nor yearly Revenues; but I will give to



her 5000 Ducats in ready Money, wherewith I will put you (my Lord and Father) in trust, to purchase for her some Mannor-house, with Lands, where you and she shall think most convenient, Then said the King, I know well how to do in this matter. Here is the Earl of *Legorn*, who is forced of Necessity to sell a Parcel of his Estate for ready Money. He hath a Castle and a Town three Miles hence, called, *Larganenbo at the Rainbow*; the same you may buy of him, with the Title that he hath both of the Land and People. So they sent presently for the Earl, who was contented to bargain with them for 7000 Ducats. *Fortunatus* therefore without delay toid out the Money, and the Earl of *Legorn* concluded with him to yield up all his Right, Title, Interest, and Jurisdiction that he had in, or to the Countyship, Castle, and Town of *Legorn*, unto *Cassandra*, and never to make more Challenge thereto. When this matter was fully accomplished, then was the Countess well pleased.

## C H A P. XXXIII.

*How the King and the Queen departed, and Fortunatus ordained a new Feast for the Citizens.*

NOW, lest the Time while the King remained there should seem tedious, *Fortunatus* ordained three Jewels; the first valued at 600 Ducats, for which the Nobility, and chief Champions in Chivalry, should just three days, and he that did best freely to possess the same. The second was worth 400 Ducats, provided for Squires and Gentlemen. The third prized 200 Ducats, appointed for Serjants and Yeomen: For which, each Degree for the

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three Days Space would orderly contend ; and to him that did best should the Jewels be frankly given. Thus every Man extended his many Courage to the utmost Tryal, they spent every day three Hours in Jousting ; and the rest of the Day,



and great Part of the Night, they passed merrily in Barquetting, Dancing, Masking, and other such like Revels. Now when this sumptuous Feast, and triumphant Pastime had continued the space of 14. days, the King, with all his Train and Retinue would depart, would *Fortunatus* have had stayed longer, especially his Father and Mother-in-Law ; but they would no wile stay any longer, lest by overmuch Charges he should run out all his Money, When the King would depart, *Fortunatus* with all his Men, brought him on his Way ; and when he took his Leave of them, he humbly thanked the  
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King and Queen, and the Nobility for that they had vouchsafed to honour his Wedding-Feast with there Presence; and then returned again to *Cassandra*. After this he prepared yet another Feast, inviting thereto all the Citizens, both men, and Women and Children; which also continued eight Days, whereby he won great favour and Freindship of all the Inhabitants of *Famagosta*. When that Feast was ended, he purposed thenceforth to Lead a quiet Life with fair *Cassandra*, and spake thus to his old Servant *Leopoldus*: Dear Friend, according to my Promise when I first entertained you, I will now prople the Choice of three things un o thee, wherein shew me thy Mind, and I will surely perform it accordingly.

First. If thou be disposed to return into Ireland again, then will I give the four Servants to bring thee honourably thither, and will give thee also as much Money in thy Purse, as shall maintain a competent Living for thee and thine during Life. Or, If thou wilt remain here at *Famagosta*, I will provide thee a House, and allow thee yearly as much as shall maintain three Servants and two Maidens to attend on thee and will not suffer thee to want during thy Life. Or, if thou wilt live in the House with me, thou shall have all Things necessary, and as good as myself. Now choose of these three Proffers. which thou likest best, and I will faithfully perform my promise in either of them.

Then said *Leopoldus*: This is much more than I deserve either of God or Man, that such Honour should be proffered to me in my old Age; wherefore I yield to you the most hearty Thanks: that one Man may tender to another.

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But concerning this Choice: To ride home again<sup>r</sup> for one of my Years is very fatiguing, and perhaps I may die by the way? yet though I may come safely home, Ireland being a hard and uncivil Country, where are no good Wines, nor delicate Viſtuals well prepared, whereto I have been long accustomed, may (probably) shorten my Days. And to remain still in the house with you, for me is more unfit; whereas you have now a fair young wife, and many jolly Gentlemen and Ladies about you, I being old and feeble shall be loathsome to them; for the behaviour of old men is irksome to the younger sort. tho' I mistrust not your virtuous Disposition, there fore if you please, I request you to buy me a house in the City wherein I may end my Life, beseeching you notwithstanding, that I may not be secluded from your Counsel, so long as we both live. Fortunatus thereto yielded, not attempting any weighty Cause without his Advice, so long as he lived. He also bought him a House according to his Desire, gave him men and maidens, and allowed him for his charges 100 Ducats a month Leopoldus was glad to be at his own Liberty, to eat or drink, to rise or go to bed when he would, and not bound to any kind of Service. Nevertheless he went daily to the Church, there to shew himself Fortunatus, and other his attendants; whereby appeared his Fidelity. When Leopoldus had lived half a Year in his Estate, he was taken with a grievous Sickness, of which, when no Physicians could remedy, he soon died; whereof Fortunatus was exceeding sorry; caused him to be magnificiently interr'd in his own Church.

## C H A P. XXXIV.

*How Fortunatus had by his Wife, two Sons, the first named Ampedo, the younger, Andolecia.*

**F**ortunatus and Cassandra his Wife, now living in joyful and happy Estate, wanting nothing but Children ; for he knew that the Virtue of his Purse would end after his Decease, if he had no lawful Heirs of his Body ; though he made not his Wife privy thereto, but prayed daily together, that God would make them fruitful. Inſomuch that the Lord hearing their Requests, Cassandra was conceived with a Son, whom they baptiz'd with the Name of *Ampedo*. Shortly after ſhe conceived with Child again, and brought forth another Son, which was chriſten'd by the Name of *Andolecia*. Thus *Fortunatus* was not a little joyful that he had now two fair and well proportioned Children, whom he and his Spouſe trained up carefully, and loved tenderly : but *Andolecia* was of ſtouter Courage than *Ampedo*, as after it appear'd. And although *Fortunatus* would gladly have had more Children by *Cassandra* (ſpecially a Daughter or two) yet from thence forward ſhe conceived no more by him.

## C H A P. XXXV.

*How [Fortunatus got Leave of Cassandra to go unto the Heathen Nations.*

**F**ortunatus having now lived joyfully with *Cassandra* 12 Years, and thinking with himſelf that it was unlikely he ſhould have any more Children, it ſeemed irkſome unto him to abide at *Fama-goſta*, though he there wanted no pleaſant time of Recreation



Recreation and Pastime; but purposed to travel among the Heathen, through both the greater and the lesser India, and over all the Kingdoms of Prester John, for which he demanded the good Will of Cassandra; and told her, That forasmuch as he had already ranged through one half of the Earth he was minded also to see the other half, though he should lose his Life thereby. When Cassandra heard him so earnest bent to depart so far from her, she lamentably intreated him to desist from his purposed Voyage; saying, If you thus without cause will adventure your quiet State, it is likely, you will greatly repent it. For although heretofore you have passed thro' most Christian Nations, in your youthful, young, and lusty Age, ye now you being long accustomed to a quiet Life, may not so well endure to travell in thy elder Years into the savage and Heathen Countries. who are most envious, unfaithful, and tyrannous to all Christians. Therefore, Oh! my beloved Fortunatus; Oh! my dear and faithful Spouse, in whom I repose all my Trust, I beseech thee, for Gods Sake, and the Love that thou owest unto me, that having Respect to thy Wife and Children, thou wilt cast out of thy Mind such dangerous and unneedful Travel, and abide still with us: And if I have displeased you in any thing, or have done ought that you mislike, let me understand it and I will endeavour to shun the same. With that she wept bitterly, and shewed herself very sorrowful, Then said Fortunatus, my dearly beloved Bedfellow, take not the matter so grievously, I intend to be but a small time absent, and when I return from thence forward I will continue with you so long as we both live, Then said Cassandra, if I were sure of your Return, I would patiently abide your Departure: Or if

you went elsewhere than amongst an unfaithful People, that covet the Blood of Christians it would less grieve me. Then said *Fortunatus*, I am so fully minded to accomplish this Journey, that none (save God and Death) shall alter my Intent : Howbeit at my Departure I will leave you ready Money, sufficient to maintain you and your Children during your Lives, though I never come again. When *Castandra* perceived that no Intreaty would prevail ; she said, *Well-Beloved Husband*, since it cannot be otherwise I beseech your Return, and let not the Love and Faithfulness which you have hitherto shewed, be banished out of your heart : and we will all pray unto the Lord, that you may have Health, Peace, and good Weather, and Favour of all them with whom you shall fall. Then said *Fortunatus*, God grant your Prayers take Effect, and I trust to return the sooner.

## C H A P. XXXVII.

*How Fortunatus departed from Cyprus again, to visit more strange Countries.*

**S** O O N after, *Fortunatus* took Leave of his Wife and Children, and desiring God to bless them all, embarked in a Ship of his own, and sailed to *Alexandria* ; where when they had License to come on Land, they were asked, who was Lord of the Ship ? to whom they answered, That *Fortunatus* of *Famagosta* in the Isle of *Cyprus* was the only Owner thereof ; then they required *Fortunatus* to be brought into the King's Presence, to present a Gift unto him : For such was the Custom, that every Merchant at his first Arrival at *Alexandria*, should give some



fine Present unto the Souldan. Wherefore the Courtiers were ready and diligent to bring him unto the Court ; where he willed a Cupboard to be prepared, and thereon he set many fair and costly Jewels for the King to behold. When the Souldan came forth and beheld them, he marvelled, supposing they were brought to be sold ; and thereupon enquiring the Price of them, *Fortunatus* asked the Souldan whether he liked them ? He answered, I have hardly ever seen finer, therefore I cannot but like them well. Then requested *Fortunatus*, that his Grace would accept of them, for that he would freely give them all unto him. When the King heard that, he marvelled that one Merchau should present him with such a rich Gift ; for he esteem'd them worth 5000 Ducats, which he thought was a sufficient Present for the Commonalty and Mart of a whole City, such as *Venice*, *Florence*, or *Genoa*.  
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Howbeit he would not refuse them but accept it for a Gift recompensing him with an hundred Barrels of Pepper, which amounted to the Value of the Jewels. When the Factors of *Venice, Florence, Gonoa, and Catolonia* (who were then at *Alexandria*) had heard that the King had given unto *Fortunatus* such a Reward; forasmuch as they abiding there continually, brought Commodities unto the Realm, and gave Gifts once or twice a Year unto the King and yet none of them at any time received any Reward, great or small, they envied *Fortunatus*, Besides that he bought all the best Merchandize not sticking at any Price; whereto they gave unto the Lord Admiral great Gifts, to the end he might conceive the worle of *Fortunatus* and so to discredit him to the King. But *Fortunatus* having Intelligence thereof, gave unto him privily so much more than they. This fell out well for the Admiral who took Money of both parties, and yet did what he thought good, and was nevertheless friendly to *Fortunatus*, wishing that more such would come unto *Alexandria*. After *Fortunatus* had been there certain Days behaving himself very honourably, the King invited him and the chief Masters of the Ship to Dinner, giving them a very grand Entertainment which grieved the Merchants greatly, Soon after the Admiral did in like manner feast them; and then did the Merchants plainly perceived that their Gifts were all in vain bestowed? for the which they inwardly fretted. When the time drew nigh that the Ship must needs depart, for the Custom was, that on Vessel might stay

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at *Alexandria* above six Weeks, (whether he had sold or no) *Fortunatus* had appointed another Patron over his Ship in his stead, whom he charged to Sail with his Merchandize to *Cathalonia. Portugal, Flanders and England*, and to augment his Stock by exchange of Wares at all those Coasts. He also charged him, that after two years he should return again with the Ship to *Alexandria*? for in the mean while he proposed to see many strange Countries, and at the two years end would he meet him there again: but if they found him not there, that they should make no account that he were alive, then they should return to *Famagosta*, and there deliver the Ship and the Goods into the Possession of his Wife *Cassandra*; and his Children; which commandment of his, the Patron faithfully promising to accomplish, took his leave and so departed,

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*How Fortunatus departed to Travel towards the India and many other strange Countries, and at length returned again to Alexandria-*

**F**ortunatus forthwith made request unto the Lord Admiral, that he would procure him of the Souldan, a passport, a guide, and Letters of commendations to those Princes and Monarks, by whom he minded to Travel. The Admiral accomplished his request in all respects, whereof he was glad, and immediately furnished himself and all that should accompany him with all things necessary and expedient at his own Charge; and so made his first Journey through the Land of *Perfia*; from thence he passed through the Dominions of the Great Cham  
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of *Catbay*, and so through the Desert, and came to the Court of *Prestor John*, who had under him, both of the Isles and firm Land 72 Kings, every one of the Countries is full of People, fair Cities and strong holds; then *Fortunatus* gave unto *Prestor John* many costly Jewels and presents, such as were rare and strange in those Countries. He gave also many gifts unto the Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber, and such as were in Authority, requesting them to assist and further him, that he might take up certain Men, and have the Kings Letters to address him to *Calicute*, whereas the best Pepper groweth like unto Grapes, and the Men of the Country for extreme heat to go all naked. *Fortunatus* therefore not able for parching Heat to Travel any farther that way, and now remembring his beloved Wife and his two Sons, longed to be at *Famagosta*, and so returned a contrary way homeward, through many other strange Countries, until he came to the City *Lamecha*, and there bought a Camel, whereon he rode through the Desert of *Jerusalem* to see the holy Monuments of our Saviour's Passions. The time whereas he appointed to be again at *Alexandria* was nigh at Hand, within two Mouths, wherefore he took Shipping to abridge his Journey, and made hal away, until he was arrived again at *Alexandria*, where he went presently unto the Scouldar, thanking him and the Lord Admiral highly for their Letters by means whereof he was entertained very honourably, when they understood that he had so Manly behaved himself, and had seen so many strange Countries.

When *Fortunatus* had been now eight Days at *Alexandria*, having there with him many strange Beasts and other rare Novelties, he longed greatly

for the Ship, that he might set forward to *Famagista*. In the mean time was the Ship arrived laden with so much, and so rich Merchandize, that she was thrice better in value then when she departed: whereof *Fortunatus* was exceeding glad, especially for the health of his Men, and that they had brought Letters from *Cassandra*, signifying that she and her Children are in good Health, wanting only his presence. Wherefore he ordered his Merchants to make a speedy Sale, and to afford their Wares more cheaper than they commonly used. And in so doing as they were ordered, whereas other Ships do scarce make their Mart in six Weeks, they dispatched all their business in twenty Days, when as *Fortunatus* would presently have taken his leave and departed. But the Souldan requested him to stay with him that Night before he departed, which he could not refuse, but ordered his Men to go aboard, and to launch out the Ship from the Haven into the road, appointing presently after Supper to come to them, and to depart: In the mean while went *Fortunatus* with the Admiral unto the Kings Palace, where he was worthily entertained. Then communied the Souldan with him concerning his affairs and success in strange Nations, which he uttered at large, thanking him again for his Letters of address, saying that by them he was greatly furthered, and the more accepted of strange Princes. By this time was the Supper ready, and the King sat at the Table *Fortunatus* being placep almost over against him, where they were served with all kind of delicate Fare, as was convenient for such a mighty Prince.

*How Fortunatus gave great gifts to the Souldan's household Servants and how the Souldan shewed him his Treasure, and his wishing Hat, which Fortunatus carried away.*

**W**Hen Supper, was ended, *Fortunatus* desired Leave to bestow his Benevolence on the Household, which the Souldan granted, he opened his Purse privily under the Table; and when he had given to every Man in the House a large gift, according to their Degree, the Souldan marvelled with himself how he could bear so much Gold about him unperceived, esteeming it a great honour done unto him, that he had been so liberal to his Servants saying, right courteous Gentleman, this your bountiful behaviour and liberal disbursing towards me and all mine, deserveth no small Commendation and Recompence; come therefore with me, and I will shew you that before you go, which few or none doth know but my self, and the like whereof thou never saw; with that he brought him into a strong Tower paved all with marble Stone; in the first Room whereof were a great number of Vessels and Jewels of Silver, and huge heaps of Silver Coins; in the second were many Vessels and Household Implements of Gold, and many great Chests full of Golden Coin; within that was a great Wardrobe full of many costly Jewels and gorgeous Garments, beautified with precious stones of all sorts belonging to the ornaments of his Body; there were also two golden Candlesticks, upon which stood two Orient and great Carbuncles, which shone in the Night all

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over the Chamber, *Fortunatus* was wrapt with great Admiration to behold this infinite Treasure, praising it greatly: Then said the Souldan, I have yet a Jewel in my Chamber which I more esteem then all those you have seen; then the King carried him to his Bed-Chamber, which was sumptuously adorned having a Prospekt unto the main Sea, and there opening a Closet, brought forth in his hand a plain Felt Hat, base and simple to behold, saying, I get more by this hat, then by all the precious Jewels that I possess for that if I had no Jewels; money would get them, but such an Hat is not to be had. Then said *Fortunatus*, if it so please your Majesty, I would gladly know what power and vertue consisteth in this Hat, the King said, it hath this quality that whosoever hath it on his Head; where he wisheth then to be he is with a thought conveyed thither so that with the same have I more pleasure than with all my Jewels. for when my Men go forth to Hunt, and I long to be with them, setting this Hat on my head where the best Game is to be seen. I there suddenly present; and where the Deer resteth I can be with them as I list, to drive them to the Hunter's hand; in time of Wars also, i can be with my Souldiers when i list and in my Palace again with a Wish, which all my Jewels cannot do. Then demanded *Fortunatus* if he that made that Hat be yet alive; the King said of that i am uncertain. Then thought *Fortunatus* in his mind; how well would this Hat agree with the Purse; and said unto the King methinks since that Hat hath such vertue that i should seem very heavy on his Head that wearien it. Then answered the King, that it was no heavier then another Hat, and therewith bid him

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to put it on his Head, asking him whether he felt it otherwise. *Fortunatus* answered, saying, verily I did not think it had been so light, neither supposed I that your Grace would be so unadvised to set it on my Head; with that he suddenly wished himself in his Ship, ordering them speedily to hoist the Sails, and so having a fresh Gale of Wind, they sailed swiftly away; when the Souldan saw he was thus deceived of an incomparable Jewel, perceiving also at the Window that the Ship was under sail, he in great rage commanded his Men to set after *Fortunatus*, and bring him back Prisoner threatening to him a cruel Death. But before they could be scarcely appointed, the Ship was got out of sight so that the Messengers returned again in vain, whereof the King was sorry.

Now when the Factors of *Venice*, *Florence* and *Genoa*, understood that *Fortunatus* was gone with the Kings Jewel, they inwardly rejoiced, saying among themselves: the King and the Admiral are but very well served, for they thought they could not do us to him too much Honour, he hath therefore yielded them a fair recompence; but yet are we now sure that he will not return hither again to hinder our Mart as he hath done. Now the Souldan being thus in a great agony for his Har, would gladly have devised how to obtain it again, but knew not how to attempt the matter.

To send his Admiral or any of his Heathen Lords among the Christians, he thought it both dangerous and little available: wherefore he thought best to send the Captain of the Christians on his Embassy unto *Cyprus*, to Deal by the way of Entreaty. Wherefore he called the Captain unto him, who



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as a *Venetian*, named *Marcholandus*, requesting him to accomplish an Embassy faithfully unto *Fortunatus*, that if he would vouchsafe of courtesie to send him the Hat again, since he shewed it him upon trust, he would accept it thankfully, and would send his Ship laden with costly Spices; but if he would not be so entreated he should make his complaint to the King of *Cyprus*, desiring him to force *Fortunatus* to send the Jewel which he unfaithfully carried from him; the Captain promised truly and diligently to do his Message.

Whereupon the Souldan caused to be ordained for him a fair and strong Ship, well Manned with Christian Mariners, in all points sufficiently appointed, promising unto him Rich rewards if he would bring the Hat again. But the Souldan was dismaid that he could take no rest, wherewith his advisors were very sorry, who praised *Fortunatus* highly when he dealt so liberally with them; but when he had thus disquited their King, they said he was the naughtiest Man that ever lived.

## C H A P. XXXII.

How the Souldan's Ambassador could not obtain the Hat of *Fortunatus*.

**M** *Archolandus* being arrived in *Cyprus*, came to *Famagosta*, where *Fortunatus* was come some Days before. But how joyfully he and his company were received by *Cassandra*, and his two children, and of all the City, it were tedious to recount; for there were many Citizens also, whose friends were landed with *Fortunatus*, that had travelled far with him, which Mirth and Joy *Marcholandus*

*landus* well perceived, and when *Fortunatus* understood that an Embassador was come from the Souldan to *Famagosta*, he easily thought what was his errand; howbeit he caused a fair Lodging to be appointed for him, and all other things requisite, ordering his Provision to be brought in, which would discharge. When *Mercholandus* had been now three Days in *Famagosta*, he sent Word to *Fortunatus* that he had a Message to deliver to him, *Fortunatus* ordering him to come into his Palace where he delivered his Message, saying, the King Souldan of *Babylon*, Lord of *Alcary* and *Alexandria* sendeth his greeting to the *Fortunatus*, by me *Mercholandus*; requiring that thou wilt vouchsafe to let me be a Messenger, and send to him his Jewel again by me. *Fortunatus* answered in scoffing manner saying, I marvel that the King Souldan was so unconsiderate to tell me the virtue of the Hat, and allow himself to set the same upon my Head; by occasion whereof I was in such Danger, that it will never be out of my remembrance so long as I live. For my Ship being a trade to Sea, and upon his saying, I wished my self therein, if it had then sailed in that way I had been drowned, and so have lost my life, which I esteem more then all King Souldans Kingdoms, and therefore am I minded not to part from the Jewel so long as I live. When *Mercholandus* heard this answer, he thought by fair intreaty to perswade him. Wherefore he said unto him, *Fortunatus*, be not so hard hearted, but advise you by reason and counsel. What Profit can you make of the Jewel: I will warrant you an hundred times the value of that felt Hat, whereof if I had a Sackful, and each of them hath the virtue that it hath

would give them all for the third part of that I  
 will procure you for the same; wherefore let me  
 beseech you of my Message, and I will  
 promise you that the King will lade your ship, with  
 the finest Spices, as Pepper, Ginger, Cloves, Nut-  
 mugs and Cinnamon, and such like, the which may  
 be worth an hundred thousand Ducats, Besides  
 that, shall it be granted unto you, not to yield the Har-  
 bour you have the said Spices, delivered into your  
 possession, therefore if it please you on this con-  
 dition to agree I will my self go with your Ship  
 to Alexandria, and bring it home unto you laden  
 with things to you, that when I bring that I have pro-  
 vided, you will likewise yield over unto my gracious  
 King his Jewel again.

*Fortunatus* answered, saying I would fain be in  
 the King's Friendship, and in yours also but let no  
 man perswade with him self that he shall get the  
 Jewel out of my Hands so long as my life endureth.  
 Upon these Words *Mercholandus* trusted no more  
 in his treaty, but wrathfully departed to the King of  
 Egypt, to whom he made his complaint, requesting  
 his Majesty that he would enforce *Fortunatus* his  
 subject to restore again to the Souldan the Jewel  
 which he had most deceitfully gotten, and now  
 longfully detained, saying, that if it were not by  
 some means restored, great Wars were like thereof to  
 ensue. The King said again to *Mercholandus*, I  
 will command my princes and Lords in my Kingdom, whom  
 though I command, they will do what they list  
 if your King have any just Complaint of Quar-  
 rel against *Fortunatus*, let him deal with him as he  
 thinketh good, for I would as should have Justice  
 done he hath deserved *Mercholandus* then supposing  
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with himself, that the Heathen in *Cyprus* should have but slender Justice; returned to *Famagosta*, thence to take Shipping and depart. But *Fortunatus* notwithstanding at his return had him to Dinner entertaining him sumptuously. He gave also unto him many goodly Jewels, and freighted his Ship with sufficient Victuals, at his own Charge, saying unto him; have me commended unto the Souldan, and tell him, that if he had such a hat of mine in like manner, I suppose he would not send it me again; neither would his counsel perswade him so to do. Likewise am I advised by my Friends and my own Reason, not to part with it, so long as I can keep it.

Then *Marcholandus* thanked *Fortunatus* for his Courteous entertainment, and his costly Gifts, saying. he would so signify unto the King, and departed sorrowful for his cold Suit.

*Fortunatus* having now passed over most part of the World, and wanting almost no earthly Commodities that Man might wish: he began to render the advancement of his own and his Childrens Estates; maintaining a Princely Court, procuring Masters and Men of Faculties to instruct his Children, especially in Learning, and Feats of Chivalry, whereto the youngest was most inclined, behaving himself Manfully, for which cause *Fortunatus* bestowed many Jewels, for the which was much Justice at *Famagosta*, wherein the youngest Son had always the chief praise: whereupon the common People would say that *Andolucia* did Honour to the whole Country. *Fortunatus* therefore rejoiced passing many Days in great solace with the Pastime and Pleasures that he conceived with the Hat, and also by Hawking

g, with *Andolucia* and fair *Cassandra*. When they  
ad thus many Years enjoyed all earthly Pleasures,  
ir *Cassandra* was troubled with a grievous and  
eadly sickness, to yield up her immortal Soul from  
he transitory and corruptable Body. were it never  
o near; wherefore *Fortunatus* also conceived such  
in inward thoughts that he languished with a deadly  
Consumption, and an Impostumation in the Head.  
When the feeble Estate of his Body put them in  
ear of Death, he sent far and near for the best Phy-  
sicians that might be had; but they only prolonged  
his life for a small time, they could give him no  
comfort of recovery,

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*How Fortunatus on his Death Bed, declared unto his  
Sons the vertue of the Purse and the Ha.*

**F**ortunatus therefore perceiving no amendment,  
but rather that Death approached, sent for his  
two Sons, *Ampedo* and *Andolucia*, saying to them,  
my dear Children, your Mother that so carefully  
trained you up, is departed out of this World, and  
likewise perceive by the Feebleness of my tor-  
mented Body, that Death is nigh at Hand: there-  
fore I will shew you how you may continue in  
Honour and Wealth as I have done until my dying  
Day. with that he declared unto them the vertue  
of the Purse, and that it should last no longer than  
their two lives; and also told them the vertue of  
the Hat, and how much the Souldan would give  
for it. He commanded moreover that they should  
not part the Jewels but use them in common, live  
friendly together, neither that they should make any  
Person





Person privy to the verue of the Purse, were He or She never so well beloved unto them; for so said he heve I concealed it this 40 Years, and never uttered it save now to you only; with that he ceased speaking, and gave up the Ghost; whom his Son caused to be honourably buried in the Minster which he had erected.

*Ampedo* and *Andolocia*, having now left off all kind of martial exercise and mourned 12 Months for the Death of their Father, *Andolocia* having read over his Fathers Books, wherein was Registred in how many Nations he had Travelled, was therewith greatly delighted, and earnestly moved to do the like. Wherefore he said to *Ampedo*, my dear Brother that we may not pass these our lusty and youthful Years together in Vanity, Idleness and obscure Behaviour, let us Travel into strange Countries, to get Expe-  
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science, and purchase Honour, as our Father hath done, a Memorial whereof he hath left to us in Writing, which I greatly delight to read, *Ampedo* answered, let him wander that is disposed, for I mean not lest I should come into many a place where I should wish to be at Home again. So that (God willing) I am determined to remain here at *Famagosta*, and to end my life in this fair Palace. Then said *Andolucia*, since you are so minded, let us part the Jewels, *Ampedo* said, wilt thou so transgress our Fathers commandment, know thou not that by this last Will, he charged us that we should not divide them: *Andolucia* said, what need we care for that; he is dead therefore we mean to part Company, let us divide them.

Then said *Ampedo*; take the Hat for thy share, and go whither thou wilt, *Andolucia* said, take thou thy self and abide here; thus when they could not agree, for that they both desired the Purse, *Andolucia* said, good Brother, then I pray you hearken to my Counsel, which shall be indifferent for us both. We will fill two Coffers full of Gold, wherewith thou spending at thy pleasure may'st live merrily, and thou shalt have the Hat also to make the Pastime and let me only have the Purse for six Years, wherein I will travel to purchase Experience and Honour; and at my return thou shalt enjoy the Purse six years also. Thus shall we not break our Father's Will, *Ampedo* thinking this to be a reasonable deal, consented thereto.

## C H A P. XXXI.

*How Andolocia having the Purse. went well Furnished  
unto the French King's Court.*

**W**Hen *Andolocia* had the Purse, he attired himself gorgeously and entertained forty tall and comely Men, whom he apparalled at his own cost, after the bravest manner; and taking leave of his Brother he departed in a Ship of his own, and sailed towards *France*, till he came to the Haven, called *Aquamorte*. where he went on Land, and passed to the *French Kings Court*, where he was well Entertained, for he maintained his Estate as sumptuously as the best of them: wherefore he was had in great esteem with every Man: attending also Daily on the King, as if he had been an ordinary Servant. In the mean time it befel that a Challenge was made by certain Lords and Gentlemen to Just Wastle, and Leap with any that would contend with him: *Andolocia* advanced himself to try his Force in all these Games. where he excelled them all. And in the Evening when the Nobles and Ladies, should Dance before the King, he was also called and preferred to Dance with them, wherein likewise he behaved himself so well, and with such a comely Grace that the Gentlewomen had him in great Favour delighting to pass the time in his Company, whereof he was glad, yielding pleasant Communication. After the Revels was ordained a Banquet, whereto the King also invied *Andolocia*, and as he sat at the Table. It chanced that he was suddenly in Love with a fair Gentlewoman, whose Husband was most familiar with him of all the other in the Court,

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wherefore as soon as he was risen from the Table without delay he offered her a 1000 Crowns, on Condition she would grant to lye with him but one Night. The Gentlewoman being a faithful Wife, would not consent thereto, but presently detected the offer of *Andolocia* unto her Husband; who said unto her a 1000 Crowns would do us a great pleasure, and were soon earned; howbeit honesty passeth Riches, and the infamy that thereby to us both might ensue, can with no Money be taken away; notwithstanding (if to be you think it good) we may so order the matter, to have most part of the Money without the distraining of your own Body, by this Policy, you know we have a fair and well proportioned Neighbour, who refuseth not any clean Mans bed for money; to her you may may promise a 100 Crowns to lie with *Andolocia* in your stead and the rest may we reserve unto our selves: I need no further to instruct you, for a woman I Trust is not so seek in such shift: The Gentlewoman likes well of this devise, and forthwith went unto her Neighbour, saying, a fair lusty and Valient young Gentleman; being a stranger, offered unto me 200 Crowns if I would lie with him one Night, and as my Husband loveth me so dearly, I dare not lest it cost me my life; therefore if thou darest adventure in my stead, I will bring to pass that thou shalt lie with him in my Chamber in my own Bed, and will give thee for thy part 100 Crowns, to which the woman replied. I would not stick to lie with such a one for pleasure only; but if I do this at your request you will perhaps send me away with a Crown or two, and keep the 100 Crowns yourself. The Gentlewoman said thou shalt have

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that I promised thee before hand. Then was the Wench pleased, and bidding her to prepare all things accordingly, promised to be ready to accomplish her will. The Gentleman had declared to her Husband how she had appointed the matter with her Neighbour whereof he was glad, *Andolucia* being not yet satisfied, repaired again to the Gentlewoman and was importunate to obtain his Suit; to whom the Gentlewoman said; Sir, since you will not be otherwise answered, if you will perform your promise concerning the 1000 Crowns, come to morrow Night unto my House, and bring the Money with you, for my Husband will be then abroad about the King's business; *Andolucia* with this answer was glad, and next Night came alone to the Gentlewoman's House, and brought with him the thousand Crowns.

## C H A P. XLII.

*How Andolucia was deceived by a Gentlewoman, which layed another in Bed with him in her stead.*

THE Gentlewoman gave him very friendly entertainment, and receiving the Money of him untold, brought him into her Chamber, bidding him to go to Bed, and she would come to him. Then sent she hastily for her kind Neighbour, to whom she gave one 100 Crowns, and sent her to Bed to *Andolucia*, where he solaced himself with her, supposing he had lain with his Companion's Wife. But when the Wench perceived that *Andolucia* was sufficiently delighted, she told him the whole Story.

*Andolucia* hearing that he was so deceived, was very angry, not so much for the loss of the Money but



but rather for shame that it should be blazed abroad to his Reproach, how he was deluded by two Women. Wherefore he rose up, and gave his Bedfellow 100 Crowns, bidding her that after his departure, she should challenge 900 more, which the Gentlewoman wrongfully detained, and that she herself had duly earned: Which the Wench performed with such impudent and open contention, that the Gentlewoman for all her pretended honesty being noted for a Bawd, sustained great shame, but *Andolucia* presently went to his Lodging, and called up his Men, bidding them to prepare all things ready, for he would forthwith depart. When he was gone 10 or 12 Miles from *Pavis*, he thought it was well he was not beguiled of his Purse, and began to be merry and rode unto the King of *Arragon's* Court; from thence to the King of *Castile*: then to the King of *Portugal*; and next to the King of *Spain's* Court, where he behaved himself so well that he was handsomely entertained.

He daily practised all Feats of Chivalry, and often times gave Jewels, for which Gentlemen should contend in Martial Games, and invited the Ladies and Gentlewomen to many costly Barquets. Moreover when there was any pressing of Soldiers, he would set forth an hundred at his own charges, and cloath them, whereby he was had in great Favour with the King. And as he was Valiant and Courageous, he would commonly be in the Front of the Battle, and the King dub'd him Knight, inasmuch that there was in the Court an old Earl which had one only Daughter, which was his Heir, so her would the King have married *Andolucia*, promising him also the Earldom after her Father's decease.

But *Andolucia*, liked not the Earl's Daughter, neither regardeth he the Earldom; for he was Rich enough by vertue of his Purse: When *Andolucia* had served the King of *Spain* some Years he required Leave to depart. The King granted his request, and told him that when his pleasure was to repair to *Spain* again, he should find him always a Friendly Lord, for his faithful Service. Then bought *Andolucia* a Ship wherein he and his Men sailed into *England*, whereof some that envied his sumptuous behaviour were glad, and many others were sorry which had received Advantage from him.

When he was now come to *London*, where the King then kept his Court, he hired a House, and bought all necessary Furniture for it. There he kept an open Court; with liberal Hospitality like as if he had been a Prince, daily Feasting the Nobility and Courtiers, to whom he gave many gifts, and used to Just, and practice other martial Exercises with them; but in all Feats of Chivalry, both Men and Women gave *Andolucia* the Praise.

When the King understood of his noble Behaviour, he demanded he would stay at his Court; He answered, he would most willingly bestow his Body and Goods to his Service. In the mean while there were Wars between *England* and *Scotland*, so that *Andolucia* led a band of Men against the *Scots*, at his own charge where he behaved himself so Courageously in the Battle, that tho' he was a stranger, yet for his Exploits, he was commended above all others.

When the Victory was obtained over the *Scots*, *Andolucia* returned home to *London*, where he was received of the King and Queen very Honourably and esteemed highly by every one.

## C H A P. XXXIII.

*How the King had Andolocia to Dinner where he fell in Love with Agrippina the King's Daughter.*

**T**hen ordained the King a great Dinner, and invited thereto *Andolocia*, and all the other Captains, where were also present the Queen and her fair Daughter *Agrippina*, who surpassed in Beauty all the Women in *England*; whom when *Andolocia* stedfastly beheld, he was greatly in Love with her. When the Feast was done, and he was returned home to his House, he thought how he might win the Favour of *Agrippina*, wishing he were of Royal Blood, that he might be esteemed worthy to marry her; howbeit he encouraged himself with Hope to purchase her good will. Wherefore he advanced himself in *Justing* and other martial Exercises before the Queen and her Daughter very often in more gorgeous manner than he was wont where-with fair Ladies he most delighted. And when he thought convenient, he invited the Queen and her Daughter, with many Ladies of the Court to Dinner which was so sumptuously adorned, that it was wonderful in a Subject's House to behold.

Wherefore the King was informed, insomuch that when *Andolocia* came unto the Court, the King said unto him, *I understand by the Queen that she hath been very well and sumptuously entertained at your House why had not I also warning thereof.*

*Andolocia* said, *Most gracious Lord, if your Majesty would not disdain to honour my poor House with your presence, how acceptable should it be unto me?*

Then said the King, *I will also come to morrow unto you and bring ten more of my Counsel with me.*

Of this was *Andolocia* glad, and hasted him home to prepara all things accordingly, the next Day came the King and the Lords to Dinner where all things were so magnificently accomplished upon so short warning, that the King and them that came with him greatly marvelled. Then thought the King time were good to abate the pride of *Andolocia*, and to make him ashamed, wherefore he appointed the next Day also to take his Recreation with *Andolocia* again, and forthwith sent command, that no wood-seller should not upon pain of his Displeasur, sell or give one stick of Wood, or any kind of Fuel unto *Andolocia*, or any of his Retinue, during the space of two days; Howbeit *Andolocia* was glad of it and had prepared all the delicatest Viaticals that were to be had for Money; but when he could by no means get any Wood or other Fuel, he was sore afraid lest he should be utterly ashamed, not knowing how the Cooks should dress the Meat; but when he saw no other remedy, he sent speedily to the Merchants Ships; and to all the Grocers in London to buy a huge Quantity of Canes, Cloves Nutmegs, Licqorice Ginger and Cinnamon, which were used in the Chimneys and Ovens, to burn instead of Wood to dress the Meat. About Dinner time though the King supposed that *Andolocia's* Kitchen was but simply provided for want of Fire, yet would he and other Lords that were with him before, ride unto *Andolocia's* Lodging, where they smelt such an exceeding strong and sweet Saviour that they mused whereof it should be. Then the King demanded whether Dinner were ready, it was answered

swered that all were prepared, and that with sweet Spices instead of Fuel, whereat the King and all the Lords marvelled greatly.

When Dinner was done, and the King's Train came to fetch him Home. he gave each of his Guard ten Crowns, and so returned the King with his Lords home again, thanking *Andolucia* for their sumptuous Entertainment.

When the King came unto the Court he recounted unto the Queen, what a costly Dinner they had and that all the meat was dressed with pure Spices instead of wood, and that he had each of his Guard ten Crowns. Wherefore said the King I greatly muse and long to understand from whence or how he hath such exceeding store of Money, for he saith for no cost, and is every day more sumptuous and costly.

The Queen said, I know none that I suppose could sooner or better understand his secrets in that behalf. then our Daughter *Agrippina* then ordered the King that the Queen should do her diligence, and use her discretion with her Daughter, to put this Device in practice, then went the Queen unto her Daughter and told her in secret of the sumptuous and rich port that *Andolucia* maintained, whereat (said she) the King and I do greatly marvel.

And I would have you when he cometh next in your company to try whether you can understand of him whence he getteth such a bundant of goods: *Agrippina* promised to do her utmost endeavour in that behalf.



## C H A P. XXXIV.

*How Agrippina with fained Love, deceived Andolucia of his Purse.*

**W**Hen *Andolucia* came again to the Court, the matter was of Purpose so handled, that he was appointed to have secret communion with *Agrippina*. So that when they were thus all alone, *Agrippina* said, Sir, there goeth a report of your Magnificence, and your entertaining the King with costly Parquet, giving largely to his Guard: I pray you tell me, do you not fear lest your Money will at length fail. He answered, saying, *Gracious Lady*, I cannot want Money as long as I live. Then belike (said she) your Father was very puissant, that he hath left you so rich: *Andolucia* said unto her: I am as rich as my Father neither was he richer than I am now, howbeit he was otherwise inclined then I am; for his Delight was to see strange Countries, but my greatest Pleasure is to obtain the Love of fair Women and Ladies. Then said *Agrippina*. I have been certified, that you have been in many Kings Courts, did you never yet find any there which you liked. *Andolucia* answered, I have been in six Kings Courts, where I have seen many agreeable Ladies. But without flattery be it spoken, you pass all ever I yet saw; wherewith you have so ravished my Heart with Love that my doubtful Passion engendered between hope and despair enforceth me to crave a Salve for my Sore: And although I am descended of no Princely Pregeny, yet may Love, which hath only respect of Personal liking, be required with Love again on your behalf.

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Then said *Agrippina*, tell me the truth *Andolucia* from whence thou hast so much Money, and Riches and then I'll live in thy Love, and yield to thy request.

*Andolucia* was now glad, and not remembering that he had not long before vowed to beware of Womens unfaithfulness, said,

*My most dearly beloved Agrippina, I will fulfil your desire, on condition you will keep all things secret, and perform your promise. She said Right well beloved Andolucia doubt not you of my Fidelity, what I promise you in Word, shall be surely performed indeed. Upon these words Andolucia ordered her to hold up her lap, and told out a 1000 Crowns out of his veruious Purse, saying, This do I give you; and can without any hindrance afford you as much as you will have more, for so long as I have this Purse. I do want no Money; and now you may believe me that I have uttered the truth of that you longed to know. She answered, I see and acknowledge this to be so manifest, that I need no more to wonder at your sumptuous expences, Wherefore my beloved Andolucia, forasmuch as on this Night the Queen hath appointed to sleep with the King. I will procure with my Chamberlain that you shall lie with me; for without her consent we cannot bring it to pass; therefore you must reward her largely that she may consent and be secret. Andolucia thanking her, promised so to do, and not to fail of his coming at Night unto her Chamber. As soon as Andolucia was gone Agrippina went to the Queen and shewed her with great joy how she had gotten knowledge of Andolucia, whence he had his abundant Wealth, and she had promised him to lie with him that Night. the Queen thereof was glad, and said to her,*

ter: If you can well remember the Fashion, the Colior, and the Bignß of the Purse it were expedient that the like in all points were presently made, which they caused to be done with all speed, and stabbed it also to make it seem old. The Queen also caused her Physicians to make a strong Potion which should suddenly cast sone into a deep sleep. These juggling tools being thus prepared ready in *Agrippina's* Chamber, to shew unto *Andolucia* a cast of Legerdemain, they informed the Chamberlain that at Night when *Andolucia* came, she should receive him courteously into the Chamber: and that when *Agrippina* and he sat together at their Banquet, she should be circumpet to put the Drink into *Andolucia's* Cup that was ordained



for him *Andolucia* coming to the Chamber at the hour appointed was let in, and friendly entertained by the old Gentle woman of the Chamber, and soon after came

came *Agrippina*, who bad him welcome, sat down by him and offered him much friendly Communication; whilst they recreated themselves with many delicious Junkets and pleasant Wines. Wherefore *Agrippina* drank unto him, saying, I drink to thee this Bowl of Hypocras more than I commonly do, in token of my Love, requesting you to pledge me as much for my Sake. The Chamberlain filling the Goblet again with the Potion (having the Relish of delicate Hypocras) gave it unto *Andolucia*, which he quaffed with a chearful Heart; whereupon he fell into a sound Sleep. *Agrippina* boldly stepped unto him, opened his Doublet, cut off his Purse, and sewed another instead thereof. Then carried she the Purse unto the Queen, and putting her Hand therein, to try whether it were the right Purse, she pulled out three Handfuls of Gold, which the Queen brought in her Lap to the King, and told him how luckily the matter was conveyed, *Andolucia* being left in a dead sleep. The King thereat exceedingly joyced, and requested to have the Purse to his own Custody, lest *Agrippina* should come in danger thereby. But she alledging the Danger that she adventured in getting it, if he had suddenly awaked, requested earnestly of her Father, that she might have the keeping of it for her Labour; affirming that both the King and Queen, notwithstanding, might have as great Advantage by it as she herself; whereupon they were content.

When *Andolucia* was awaked, and saw none by him but the old Chamber-Maid, and perceived that he had slept all Night in the Chair, he mused greatly, and asked what was become of *Agrippina*? the old Gentlewoman said, the Queen sent for her, and

and she is risen: But Sir, I marvel much how you could sleep so much out of measure; for I often strived to awake you, but all your Senses were benumbed that if I had not perceived you to breathe, I should have supposed you had been dead, whereby you had lost your Pastime with *Agrippina*. When *Andolucia* understood that by drowsie sleeping he was frustrated of his Purpose, he began to swear. The old Gentlewoman tried to pacifie his Anger, saying, Sir, I pray let Reason rule your Passions, and be contented, for what you have now let pass, may hereafter be obtained at a like Opportunity. *Andolucia* said again ravingly, a Mischief light upon thee thou old Baud, why did you suffer me to sleep so long? For I never sleep so fast, but once that being lightly touched, I presently awake: But she still affirmed, and answered with fair Words, that in the end she brought him out of *Agrippina's* Chamber. *Andolucia* then went home to his House very sad, but he knew not as yet that he had lost his peerless and fortunate Purse.

The King being disposed to try how he would behave himself after the Loss of his Purse, and whether he had any more of them, sent Word to *Andolucia*, that he would dine with him again the next day. *Andolucia* being certified thereof, called the Steward, and willed him to prepare a costly Dinner; for that the King would be there on the next Morning. The Steward answered, that he had disbursed much Morey of late, and had not sufficient Store to serve their Turn. Then *Andolucia* took the Purse out of his Bosom, and would have delivered him 500 Crowns; but when he groped in his Purse, after his accustomed manner, and brought



brought nothing forth ; he turned the inside outward  
 and felt it thoroughly, but there was no Money to be  
 found ; then was he in great Perplexity,

Wherefore he called all his Men before him, and  
 said unto them, I have been your Master these ten  
 years, wherein I have so entertained you, that you  
 wanted nothing ; neither am I Debtor to any of  
 you, for you are all paid before-hand. The Time  
 now come that I can no longer maintain such a  
 costly Port as I have done ; therefore I must desire  
 you all to provide for your selves as well as you may  
 for I have no more Money left than 150 Crowns,  
 whereof I will spare to each of you ten Shillings,  
 and will freely give to every Man his Horse.

These Words made all the Men astonish'd, look-  
 ing one on the other, marvelled what sudden Mis-  
 fortune was happened unto their Master. Where-  
 upon one that was of all the rest, most loving and  
 faithful to *Andolucia*. said, Sir, if any Man have done  
 you Displeasure, or betrayed you, let us under-  
 stand of him, and we will be revenged on him, though it  
 were the King himself, and we were sure to lose our  
 lives. *Andolucia* answered, that on his Behalf should  
 no Man hazard his Life. Then said they, we are  
 loath to leave you in your Misery, and we had ra-  
 ther sell our Horses, and all that we have, to re-  
 compense you with yon. *Andolucia* said, I thank you for  
 your faithful Goodwill my beloved Servants ; if  
 your Fortune smile on me again, I will requite your  
 courtesie ; but do now as I have said, and saddle  
 your Horse forthwith ; for I will have no Man to go  
 with me. The Servants could not refrain from  
 tears, to see the sudden Calamity of their Master,  
 with whom they had lived so pleasantly, and so  
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brought to him his House. *Andolucia* then taking his Leave of them all, departed with an heavy Heart, and travelled untill he came to his Brother *Ampedo*.

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*How Andolucia returned to Cyprus. and complained to his Brother of the Loss of his Purse.*

W H E N *Andolucia* was now come near unto the fair Palace, *Ampedo* espied him from the Top of a Tower, whereof he was exceeding glad, hoping to enjoy the Purse again, and that he should be no more careful to spare as he had done these ten Years. Then came he to meet his Brother, who received him joyfully, asking why he came alone, and where his Men were? He answered, I have left them all, and thank God that I am come safe home. *Ampedo* said, I pray you Brother, shew me what Misfortune hath befallen unto you. *Andolucia* said, let us first dine, and then you shall understand the Truth of all Matters. After Dinner they went together into a Chamber, where *Andolucia* said unto *Ampedo* with an heavy Countenance: Dear Brother, Shame will scarce let my faultering Tongue utter what Mischance is happened on our Behalf; for our fortunate Purse is taken from me, for Sorrow whereof my Heart is ready to break. *Ampedo* being with this heavy Tidings astonished; said, is it taken from thee by violence, or hast thou lost it by Negligence? He answered, I have most shamefully transgress'd our Father's Commandment, and disclosed the Secrets of it to a Lover of mine, who beguiled me when I least mistrusted her. *Ampedo* said, if we had observed our Father's Will, our

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Jewels had not been separated, but you would needs adventure to work our own Mischief. *Andlocia* said, Dear Brother, it doth sorely grieve me, that I fear it will cost me my Life,

## C H A P. XLVI.

*How Andlocia beguiled his Brother of the Hat, and conveyed himself therewith into England, and carried away Agrippina with the Purse.*

**B**UT when *Ampedo* heard that his Brother took the Matter so heavily, he comforted him, saying Let no Sorrow come so near thy Heart, we have two Chests full of Ducats and the wishing-Hat, whereof we will write to the King Souldan, who if need, will give us sufficient to maintain us during our Life, though we had no more, and let the Purse go with all Luck and Mischeife with it. Then said *Andlocia*. But goods and Money are subject to many Casualties, Therefore I beseech thee good Brother, grant to lend me your wishing Hat, and I trust therewith to get the Purse again. *Ampedo* said it is a common Proverb, so loeth Goods loeth his Wits; which appeared by thee, who, now thou hast deprived us of our greatest treasure, would also bereave us of our chiefest Pleasure; now I will be wiser than to suffer thee to carry away this Hat also, for I think you might be content to make your Pastime with it when you list. When *Andlocia* perceived that his Brother would not in any case, that he should carry the Hat from him, he thought by policy to deceive him of it, and said, Dear brother if I have requested that you think convenient, I will be contented from henceforth to be ruled by you.

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Soon after as his Brother's Men were gone forth to hunt, he requested the Hat to convey himself among them. His Brother not mistrusting any Deceit, delivered it to him. But he having got it came neither at the Wood, nor the Men, but wisened himself at *Genoa*. When *Ampedo* saw that his Brother had thus deceived him, he took it patiently and hoped that he would soon return with the Purse *Andolucia* being now at *Genoa*, willed that the fairest Jewels that were to be had should be brought to his Lodging; which when they were shewed him and agreed on the price, he put them in a Casket and raised them with his Hands, as though he would try whether he might easily carry them, and wisened himself away without payment. The like did he at *Venice* and *Florence*, and at last with all the Jewels, conveyed himself away to *London* in *England*, that the Jewellers, whom he had deceived, thought verily some incarnet Spirit had beguiled them. Then went he unto the Court appareiled like unto a Merchant and got License to display his Jewels upon a Table, as *Agrippina*, with her Train of Ladies, should come from the Chapel, whom he well knew, but they knew not him, for he had disguised his Beard, and the Colour of his Face.

But when *Agrippina*, was passed by, he gave two Rings unto the two chief Gentlewomen that attended in the Chamber, and requested them that they would so procure that he might come to their Lady's Presence; saying that he would shew her such Jewels, as her Grace never saw the like. They promised so to do, and presently shewed the Rings to *Agrippina*, which they said the Merchant had given them, to the Intent that they should procure

that he might come before her, and sell unto her Grace some of the best Jewels, for he had many which were very fair and costly.

*Agrippina* said, I believe that he hath exceeding rich Jewels, for that he would not stick freely to give such fair Rings, therefore I long to see his Wares.

When he had laid forth the Jewels before *Agrippina* she liked them well, and cheapened those that she best fancied, whereof some were worth 1000 Crowns, for which she offered not half the Money. The Merchant said, Gracious Lady, I have been informed that you are the richest Princess in the World, which moved me to seek out the most costly and fairest Jewels that are to be found, to bring unto your Noble Grace, for which I have sustained painful Travel and great Danger; therefore I trust your Grace would not I should be so much abused by them as to sell them for less than they cost me: But if it please your Grace to chose and buy out those that you best like, they shall be yours. For as easy Price as I can afford them. Then did *Agrippina* chose out ten Jewels, whereof the price amounted to 5000 Crowns; but she would in no wise give so much. *Andalocia* hoping she would bring the purse, was contented to agree for 4000 Crowns. so that *Agrippina* took the Jewels, and went unto her Chamber; where she took the Purse out of the Coffer and knitting it carefully to her Girdle came forth to pay the Merchant; as she came near unto him, beginning to tell the money, The Merchant clasped her in his Arms, and wished that he was some desert Wilderness with her. With that they were carried through the Air in a small space unto





upon a desert Place, in an Isle that borderech upon *Ir-land*, and were set there under a Tree, whereon were growing fair Apples. As *Agrippina* was thus suddenly under the Tree, having the Jewels in her Lap, and the Purse at her Girdle, she said to the Merchant. Lord, for thy Mercy where are we now, or how came we hither? I am exceeding faint and hot therefore pray reach me some of those Apples to refresh me. He poured the Jewels he had left into her Lap, and put the Hat upon her Head to shadow her from the parching Heat of the Sun, lest it should trouble him in climbing. And as he was on the Top of the Tree, looking for the fairest Apples, she sitting heavily under, began to say, *Would God I were in my Chamber again.* With that she soon was in her Chamber. The King, the Queen, and the Courtiers asked where she had been, and what was become of the Merchant that carried her away.

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She said, *God bleſs me from ſuch Merchants I ſuppoſe it was the Devil himſelf, or ſome of his Angels ; howbeit I left him upon the Top of a Tree : But I pray you trouble me with no more Queſtions for I am exceeding faint and weary, and muſt needs reſt a while.*

## CHAP. XLVI.

*How Andolocia, by eating two Apples, had two Horns growing on his Head.*

**W**HEN *Andolocia* ſitting on the Tree, ſaw that *Agrippina* was gone with the Hat, and with all the Jewels, he bitterly curſed the Tree, the Fruit and him that planted it ; ſaying moreover, Curſed be the Hour wherein I was born, and the Days and Hours that I have lived. As *Andolocia* went wandering thus too and fro the Night came on, that he could go no further ; ſo that he ſat him down to reſt, but could not ſleep for Fear, neither thought otherwiſe but to die in the Wilderneſs. Thus lay he all Night as a deſperate Man, deſirous rather to die than live. When it was day, he aroſe, and walked every Way, but could not hear nor ſee any Man ; and being very hungry, came at laſt unto a Tree, whereon grew very fair red Apples, whereof ſoon as he had eaten a couple, there ſprang out of his Head two Horns, like as it were of a Goat, which he could by no means get off.

## CHAP. XLVII.

*How an Hermit helped Andolocia to be rid of his Horns.*

It chanced that an old Hermit, which had been thirty Years in that Deſart, and never had ſeen any Man, heard his piteous Lamentation, and going to  
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to him, said, Alas! poor Man, who brought thee hither, for what seekst thou in this Desert? Andolock said, Good Brother, God be thanked that hath sent thee



hither, somewhat to my Comfort; verily against my Will do I here remain. Then Andolockia being very hungry and faint, asked the Hermit for some Meat; he brought him into his Hermitage, where was neither Meat, Bread, nor Wine, but only Fruits and Water, whereby he lived. Andolockia therefore took a small Refreshment; and then asked if he could shew him by any means how to get his Horns away. The Hermit bid Andolockia follow him, going through a little Path from his Hermitage, and there plucked down two Apples from another Tree, and bid Andolockia eat them. Which when he had done, his Horns were vanished away. Andolockia thereat was exceeding glad, and demanded of the Hermit how

came to pass that he had so soon gotten Horns,  
 and was so soon rid of them again. The Hermit  
 said, The Creator of all Things, hath given this se-  
 cret Nature to these two Trees, neither be there the  
 like on Earth, but in this Desert only. Then desi-  
 red *Andolucia* that he might carry some of these Ap-  
 ples with him. The Hermit willed him to take as  
 many as he list; but (said he) I perceive thy mind  
 is greatly troubled with transitory Estate, but it were  
 better to content thee with a competent Life,  
 than to bring thy Soul in danger, for a small Plea-  
 sure. But these persuasions could not now sink very  
 deep in *Andolucia's* Heart, who was now wholly  
 bent to recover again his Purse and Hat, and to be  
 revenged on *Agrippina*. Wherefore he got as many  
 Apples as he might conveniently carry, of both sorts  
 and requested the Hermit to shew him the Way to  
 some Town, the Hermit brought him to a way  
 leading towards a Town; wherefore he greatly thank-  
 ed him, and so departed, and came unto the Town  
 where with good meat and Drink he refreshed him-  
 self. From thence he went to a Haven-Town,  
 not far off where he found Ships that were setting  
 forth toward *London*, with whom he departed. As  
 soon as he was come to *London*, he closed up one  
 of his Eyes, and disfiguring his Face, went to the  
 market; and when he knew *Agrippina* should pass,  
 he laid abroad his Apples very handsomely upon a fine  
 cloth, and wrapped them in Sarcenet, whereby  
 they should seem more precious, and called them  
 Apples of *Damasco*. When many did require the  
 price of them, he held them at three Crowns every  
 Apple; so that none would buy of them, whereof  
 he was glad, meaning not to sell of them, but only  
 to revenge himself on *Agrippina*.

At last, when *Agrippina* with her Ladies passed by, he asked, if it would please her Grace to buy any precious Apples of *Damasco*? *Agrippina* asked the Price of them. He said, three Crowns. Then asked she, what vertue was in them more than in others, to be so dear? *Andolucia* answered, that they would cause Beauty, and make sharp Wit in those who should eat of them. *Agrippina* then willed one of her Gentlewomen to buy two of them. *Andolucia* then having accomplished his Purpose, put up his Wares, and conveyed himself speedily away.

And as soon as *Agrippina* came to her Chamber she eat her two Apples, and presently two great Horns sprang out of her Head, with great Pain; so that she laid her down to Bed. When the Horns were fully grown out, and her Pain gone, she fell and beheld in a Glass, two great Horns. Then called she two of her Ladies, who were affrighted at that strange Sight; and she was so astonished that she could not for a while speak.

Then they privily got a Saw, and sawed them off hard by the Head, which she patiently endured; but they presently sprang up again, whereat she was greatly dismayed, and pitifully lamented. One of her Ladies, a witty Gentlewoman, comforted her saying, Be patient a while (O Gracious Lady) and pluck up a chearful Heart; for no doubt as you have gotten those Horns by some Cause, so by removing of the same Cause, you may have the Remedy.

Whereupon the old Chamberlain went with speed to all the best Physicians, and told them, that whereas one of her Kindred had two great Horns grown out of her Head, she would know whether

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they could by no Physick be taken away or not. The Physicians hearing of this strange Infirmary, were all desirous to see the party. But there was none would take upon him to remove the growing of those Horns for they had never seen, heard nor read of the like. When the Gentlewoman thought that no Remedy would be had, she was returning home with a heavy Heart.

## C H A P. XLIX.

*How Andolocia did counterfeite a Physician nadered the King's Daughter of her Horns, whereby he recovered again his Wishing-Hat and his Purse*

**A**S she was coming towards the Court, she met with Andolocia, who being apparelled like a Physician, said unto her, I perceive that you have been with sundry Physicians in my sight, I pray you shew me have you sped of your purpose? be not displeased that I am so bold to ask you this Question, for I am a Physician also; and it must be a strange Disease that I will not, with Gods Help, cure and take from you. The Gentlewoman supposing that God had sent this Physician which offered himself so luckily, said, there is a marvellous Impediment chanced to a Noble Gentlewoman, out of whose Head are grown two Horns of a Goat, which if you can take away, that they spring no more, you shall be richly rewarded, for the hark Money at Will. The Physician smiling courteously said, *If that be the worst, I have the Science to rid her of her Horns without any pain or Smart; I know also the Cause whereof they came.* She earnestly requested him to declare the Occasion of that

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strange Disease. He said *She hath been unfaithful where she hath professed Love, and hath inwardly rejoiced at Wickedness done to her Friend, which joy she durst not openly utter; howbeit, whereas it must needs in some part of the Body have an Issue, it is least dangerous when it breaketh upwards: for if it should not be expelled, it would so oppress the Heart, that Death would shortly ensue.*

When the Chamberlaine had now great Hope of of his Cunning, she asked where he lodged, saying, that she would presently come again to him, he said, I am lodged hereby at the Swan, there may you enquire for me, I am called the Doctor with the great Nose, although I have another Name, yet I am best known thereby, because I am but a Stranger. Then went the Joyful unto the sorrowful Princess and said, Gracious Lady, pluck up a merry Heart and be of good Chear, you shall be shortly rid of your Horns; shewing unto her, how when most of the London Physicians had sent her away comfortless, she met by chance, with a strange Doctor, who made light of the matter, and did warrant me to help your Grief. Moreover he told me the Cause whereof they did spring, which your Grace doth well know. Then said *Agrippina*, why had you not brought him with you, seeing you know how earnestly I desire to be cured; Go, fetch him hither, and desire him to bring all things necessary for the purpose. Take also with you to give him an hundred Crowns, and if he demand more, give him as much as he asketh. The Gentlewoman went to the Physician, gave him an hundred Crowns, saying, I pray you be now diligent, and to the Patient that I shall bring you, must you come only by

by Night, neither must you disclose the matter to any Person; for her own Father and Mother as yet know not of it. The Physician said, doubt not you of my Secretness, but before I go with you, I must buy at the Apothecary's such things as be requisite: In the mean time you may stay here, or come again two Hours hence; she said, I will tarry for you, for I dare not go home without you.

Then went *Andolucia* to the Apothecary's and bought a Quantity of Rhubarb, Sugar and Rose-water, and therein soaked and rolled one of his Apples, being cut in little Pieces: He bought also a Box of sweet Ointment and many other Sweet Odours and Perfumes to delight her Senses withal, and then come again to the Gentlewoman, and she conveyed him by Night to *Agrippina*. To whom she said, Let your Grace be of good Comfort, and doubt not but by God's Help, and my Science, you shall be soon cured of your Disease; therefore prepare you that I may see and feel your Grief. *Agrippina* though she was greatly ashamed to shew her Horns, sat up in her Bed. The Physician viewed and handled the Horns, saying, You must have upon each Horn, a Piece of rough Ape Skin, taken warm from the Ape, and with this Confection will I anoint them also. There was an old Ape in the Court which was presently slain, and the Skin was flayed off ~~for~~; which was made two Cases, as the Physician had commanded. Then did he anoint the Horns, and her Temples with Ape's Grease, and his sweet Confection, and put on the Cases of the Skin, and said to her, this have I done to soften and mollifie the Horns; but they must be drawn away by purging, for which you shall swallow these small Pills, and rest there

upon, whereby you shall perceive a speedy Amendment. *Agrippina* received the Purgation, which was the Apple to drive away Horns, cut in small Pieces, and mingled with Rhubarb. *Andolocia* withdrawing himself a little aside, the Rhubarb began to work with his Patient, so that she went twice or thrice to the Stool. After a while came in the Doctor, and said, let us see if the Physick hath done any good, and therewith he pulled of the Skins, and the Horns were also diminished, whereof she was exceeding glad. Then departed he, and said he would go unto the Apothecary again, and that the next Night he could finish his Cure. When he had tempered the other Apple with Sugar and Spice of another Relish, he came the next Night unto her again, and dressed her as he had done before, but gave her not so much of the Apple, because she should not be thoroughly cured, before he had talked with her, and had some Likelihood to bring his Purpose to pass. Wherefore as he sat by her, she being asleep, he thought with himself. Two or three thousand Crowns were a sufficient Reward if another had done this Cure, but it is nothing comparable to the Mischief she hath done unto me, wherefore before I clean take away the Horns, I will let her understand my Mind to the which if she will not consent, when she thinks to be rid of her Horns, I will cause them to grow as long as they were before, and then I will go into *Flanders*, and from thence send her Word, that if she will have Remedy, she shall come unto me, and bring with her the Wishing-Hat and Purse. As he was thus devising, came in the Gentlewoman with a Candle to see *Agrippina*, who was asleep.

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*How Andolocia by chance found the Wishing-Hat.*

**I**T chanced that *Andolocia's* Cap fell from his Head, so that when he stooped to take it up again, he espyed his Wishing-Hat lying under the Bed on the Ground, which none regarded, for they knew not the Vertue of it; neither knew the Princess. The Physician then sent the Gentlewoman for some Conduit Water, and in the mean while he took it up from under the Bed, and held it privily under his Gown. By this time was *Agrippina* awaked, then took he the Skin from her Brow, to see how much the Horns were suck, which were now become very slender, and scarce an handful long, whereof *Agrippina* was very glad; and the Physician in courteous manner said unto her *Gracious Lady, you see that your Malady is now well diminish'd the chiefest Cure that resteth behind is to drive the Root of the Horns out of the Skull, to the which must be used costly Medicines, which if I cannot find in this Realm, I must either go myself, or send some other Doctor to fetch such Things, whereof I shall inform him in other Countries. And besides this, would I know what certain Sum of Money you will give me, when you shall be cleane rid of your Horns, and that your Forehead be as smooth as ever it was.* The Princess answered, *I have certainly found that your Science is excellent and true therefore I beseech to do your best to help me, and spare no Money.* The Physician said, *you bid me not spare, but I have no Money whereof I should be liberal.* When he craved her Liberality so plainly, she went to her Coffer, and brought out



the purse hanging at her Girdle, wherein were also her best Jewels; the same she tyed about her middle, and went to the window, where she counted out three hundred Crowns. When *Andolucia* perceived she had the Purse and Jewels about her, he groped under his Gown as though he sought for a purse to put his Money in, he took of his Cap, set on his Hat, and wished himself in a solitary Desert, which was presently accomplished by virtue of the Hat. When *Agrippina* was thus suddenly gone the Gentewoman of the Chamber ran to the Queen, and told her that a Physician had carried away her Daughter in such sort as the Merchant had done, and declared what had chanced concerning the Horns. The Queen with this heavy News was astonished; but yet hoped; hat she would quickly return, as she had done befor the other time. But when she came not again after one Day and a Night past, she was exceeding sorow ul. and recounted unto the King also, how strangely all things had chanced, and how the Physician had conveyed her away, and said to the King let us send forth Messengers in every Coast to hear of her lest she come to some poverty and Distress. the King said it were in vain to seek her, until God restore her again; and also it were a Shame for us that we have kept her no better. But when *Andolucia* and *Agrippina* were alone in the Desert. he cast of his Doctor's Gown, and plucked away his counterfeite great Nose; whereby she perceived it was *Andolucia*, to whom she could not yet speak for Shame and Fear, for that he looked on her with such an angry and grim Countenance, as tho' he

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he would have presently killed her. And first he drew a Knife, and cutting her Girdle asunder, took the Purse and fastned it to his Doublet where it was before, whereat Agrippina trembled and quaked with great Fear. Then said Andolucia fiercely unto her, *O thou faithlesse Woman, thou art now fallen into my Power where I will requite the Treason thou didst conspire against me, when thou tookest the Purse from me; how could thy Heart serve thee (thou perjured Wight) to shew such Unkindnesse towards me, who committed unto the both my Secrets of Body and Goods and so often advenured myself to just, and to use other Feats of Chivalry only for thy Sake. Now be thine own Judge, whether it be Reason that I take as little Pity on thee, as thou hast done on me.*

Agrippina distilling many Tears, lamentably said, *O vertuous and valiant Knight, I confess that I have intolerably abused you, yet have some Compassion on me, and consider the Frailties that are natural to Women, and do good for evil as becometh a Christian.* Andolucia answered, *But the Misery and Shame that I have sustained by thee, went so near my Heart, that I can hardly forget or forgive.* Then said she again. *Yet Andolucia, for the Love of God advise yourself what Dishonour it will be to you to avenge your Wrath on a poor Woman, being alone with you in the Desert.* Then said Andolucia, *Well Agrippina, though you deserve no Mercy, yet will I refrain from Tyranny, and do promise by my Knighthood that I will neither stain thy Honour nor hurt thy Body. But thou hast one Token on thy Head, which thou shalt carry with thee to thy Grave, that thou mayest the better remember thy Unfaithfulness towards thy Lover.* Agrippina being glad that she had escaped Violence, or Death

thanked him, and therewith said, *Now would God my Horns were away, and I were again in my Father's Palace.* Andolocia hearing her begin to wish suddenly caught up the Hat, that lay not far from her, and held it fast in his Hand; whereby Agrippina perceived that he greatly esteemed the Hat, and that by virtue of it she was thrice conveyed, whereat she was inwardly vexed, that she had esteemed and kept the Hat no better. But she earnestly intreated Andolocia that he would clean rid her of her Horns, and convey her again to her Father. But he was fully determined not to grant her Request.

## C H A P. LI.

*How Andolocia put fair Agrippina into a House of Religion.*

**W**HEN Agrippina saw that no Entreaty would prevail, she said, *Since I must needs continue thus shamefully disfigured, I will not covet to come any more into England; neither to see Father or Mother or any other of my Friends; but convey me, I pray you into some strange Place, where I am unknown; and if you would place me in some House of Religion where I might keep me close from all worldly Affairs and Company, I should be greatly beholden to you.*

Then said Andolocia, *That I will not slike to do for you.*

With that he prepared himself, bound his Hat fast to his Head, took her by the Middle, and conveyed her into Ireland, near unto St. Patrick's Purgatory, where there was a great Nunnery of Noble Women. He leaving her thereby in the Fields, went unto the Abbets of the Houte, and told her that

that he had brought with him an honest and noble Virgin, which is very fair and beautiful, save that certain Knobs were sprung out of her Head, whereof she was so ashamed, that she could not abide with her Friends, but requested to be in some solitary Place where she was unknown. Wherefore it will please you to take her into your Cloister to be one of your Company. I will pay her Portion thrice double. The Lady Abbess answered, saying, Every Gentleman that is in this Cloister entertained, must pay at her first Entrance two hundred Crowns, for they be every one allowed a Waiting-Maid, and do want nothing that is convenient for them; if you will then pay the Duties thrice double, bring her hither whatever she be.

*Andlocia* went forthwith and brought *Agrippina* to the Abbess, who bid her heartily welcome. *Agrippina* thanked her so mannerly, and with such courteous Demeanour, that the Abbess well perceived she was born of noble Lineage, and pitied her greatly, that such a comely Personage should be so disfigured with Horns. Then she declared unto her the Orders of the House. *Andlocia* took Leave of the Abbess, and said to *Agrippina*, God bless you, and give you Health to live quietly in this Cloister. She therewith weeping bitterly, said, *Ere it be long, deliver me from this Thralldom, for I shall have little Joy to serve God, or do any Thing else, until I be rid of these Horns.* These words *Andlocia* printed in his Mind, but gave her no Answer but this *When it pleaseth the Lord thou shalt have Remedy* and so departed. The sorrowful *Agrippina* went in with the Abbess, who appointed her to a Chamber, and a Maid to wait on her, where she lived solita-

rily, and served God as well as as she might. When *Andolocia* had thus well rid himself of *Agrippina*, and obtained his Purpose in all Respects, he was a joyful Man, and setting his Hat on his Head, wished himself from one Country to another, until he came to *Bridges in Flanders*, where he solaced himself with all manner of Pastime, in the Company of fair Women. After that he took Shipping with his Men and Horses, and came joyfully home to *Famagista* to his Brother, who received him gladly, and liked well that he came home so stately.

When they had dined together, *Ampedo* walked with his Brother into the Garden, and asked him how he had sped in all his Affairs. *Andolocia* told him at large what had happened concerning the Purse and the Hat, and all his other Adventures.

*Ampedo* marvelled at his strange Feats, and greatly rejoiced that he was now safe come home with the Purse and the Hat, both which *Andolocia* offer'd to his Brother: *Ampedo* said, *I will n have t he Purse at all, it bring th him that bath it to such Care and Danger, as I have read of our Father, and now heard the like of thee.* *Andolocia* was thereof very glad and after he had been a while at *Famagista* exercising himself in martial Pastime, he rode with all his Men unto the Court to see the King, by whom he was honourably entertained, and demanded where and how he had spent his Time; of which *Andolocia* made Report at large. Then said the King, the King of *England* hath a fair Daughter named *Agrippina*, who is the only Heir to the Crown, to whom I purposed to have married my Son, if all all Parties should agree; but I heard say lately that she was suddenly conveyed away, none



can tell whether. Can you certify me whether she be yet found again or not; *Andolucia* said, thereof I can inform your Grace. It is most true that he has a Daughter, that is, very beautiful, who by some Conveyance of Negromancy was brought into *Ireland*, and is there remaining in a Religious House of Gentlewomen; with whom not long ago I had long Talk.

The King asked, may it not be brought to pass that her Father may have her again? for I am old and would Establish my Son in Marriage, and the Realm in good order before I die.

*Andolucia* said, Gracious Lord to pleasure your Majesty and your Son, I will cause her in a short space to be brought again into her Father's Palace. The King required him to do it, and spare no charges, promising to consider him well for his travel. *Andolucia* promised both the King and his Son, to do his best, and so taking his leave of them, went to *Famigosta*, there borrowed he the wishing Hat of his Brother and ordering his Steward to let his Men be well used, and to want nothing that was expedient for them in his absence saying that he would very shortly return, went out of Sight for the Hat on his Head, and wished himself in the Wilderness where the Apples were that would procure and take away Horns, where he found the Trees laden with Apples: Now knew he not certainly which was the one from the other, howbeit at all adventured he tasted of the one Tree, and presently sprang Horns on his Head; after that he did eat the Apples other Tree, and the Horns vanished away. So took he of both sorts with him and from thence conveyed himself unto the Abby

in *Ireland*, where he knocked, and was let in to speak with the Lady Abbess, of whom he required licence to talk secretly with *Agrippina*, the Abbess knowing him very well, called *Agrippina* unto him; who when she saw *Andolucia*, looked on him with a strange countenance, not knowing the intent of his coming and therefore was somewhat afraid. *Andolucia* taking her a little aside, said unto her, Lady *Agrippina*, tell me, if you were now rid of your Horns, where would you wish to be; *Agrippina* said, you may well suppose that I would then long to be with the King my Father, and the Queen my Mother. With that he gave her an Apple, and ordered her to eat it, and rest thereupon a while, and when she did rise again, her Horns should be clean consumed away: *Agrippina* did as she was ordered, and when she awoke, she felt that all was well.

Then called she her waiting Maid, to help to comb her Head, which being done, she came before the Abbess, who marvelled greatly to see such a sudden change; and calling her Ladies to behold her also, they wondring likewise that she was become so beautiful, and so clean rid of the Horns, as there remained no sign of them. Then said *Andolucia*, *Agrippina* is a Princess, I must now take her from you, and carry her to her Father and Mother again, and before a Month be ended she shall be married to a young King. *Andolucia* gave unto the Abbess and her Company an hundred crowns and thanked them for their gentle entertainment and usage of *Agrippina*. She herself also gave them courteous thanks; and so taking both their leaves, they went forth into the Field, where *Andolucia* setting his Hat on his Head, carried her to *London*

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by the King's Palace, and forthwith departed to *Famagosta*.

## C H A P. LII.

*How Agrippina was espoused to the young King of Cyprus.*

W H E N *Agrippina* was come into the Court, there was exceeding Joy ; and the King and Queen ordained a Solemn Feast, and adorned her in most sumptuous Attire that all might rejoyce with them, for the return of their fair Daughter, that they supposed to have been lost. As the King the Queen, and the Nobility were in the midst of their Mirth, there was Tydings brought, that the King of *Cyprus* had sent a noble Embassage, to entreat of a Marriage between *Agrippina* and the young Prince of *Cyprus*. The Embassadors at their coming, were very honourably entertain'd, whereof the one was a Duke, and the other two were Earls, with many other Knights and Gentlemen, who did their Embassage before the King and the Counsel, and had thereof so far concluded, that they began to confer about the Dowry and the Wedding-Day. When the Queen perceiv'd that they had almost determin'd of the matter, it griev'd her that her Daughter should be carried so far into a strange Country, and to be married to one of whose Demeanour and Personage, she was ignorant. Then required the Embassadors that the Queen might come in Presence, to whom they shewed that painted Portraiture of the young Prince, affirming with an Oath, that the Person whom that Picture did represent, was rather more amiable than the Image did express, and that he  
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was but Four and Twenty Years of Age. With this they were all pleased, and the Queen took the Picture and brought it to *Agrippina*, shewing it to her, that they had determined to marry her unto a young King, which was more beautiful than the Picture could shew. *Agrippina* remembring the Words of *Andolucia* in the Abbey, gave the more credit, and granted her consent, that what her Father and the Queen should do in that behalf, she would be obedient thereto.

When it was perceived that *Agrippina* was willing to consent, they concluded tully of the Marriage. Then were their Ships prepared with Men, Victuals, Artillery, and sumptuous Garments, and precious Jewels were put to making for *Aprippina*: And she had assign'd to attend on her, many tall Gentlemen and Yeomen, and many fair Ladies and Gentlewomen. *Agrippina* took her leave of her Father the King, and her Mother the Queen, kneeling, and saying. Gracious Prince my Father, and dearly beloved Lady Mother, the Almighty God have in his Protection, and grant you Health and long Life: And now I must needs depart, give me I pray you your last Blessing. The King said, my most dearly beloved Daughter. The Blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, defend thee from all Grief and Misfortune. and grant thee to be a Mother of many Children. The Queen thereto said, Amen. Then rose up *Agrippina*, and went aboard the Ship with all her Train: And the Mariners hoisted up the Sails, they passed forth with a prosperous Wind until they came all together safe and sound unto *Famagosta* in *Cyprus*, where the King had appointed to receive

receive her by a Duke, a Dutcheſs, four Earls, and many noble Ladies. There was alſo at her Arrival a ſumptuous Feaſt at *Famagoſta* for all that came, and every Man rejoiced that they had gotten ſuch a fair and beautiful Queen. From thence was ſhe conveyed by Land unto *Meduſa*, where the King kept his Court; thither were reſorted all the Nobility of the Realm; and though ſhe was royally received at *Famagoſta*, yet was ſhe ten times better and more gorgeouſly receiv'd and entertain'd at *Meduſa*, by the King and Queen, and her Ladies, and by the young Prince and his Train; all which he thanked, and rode joyfully to the King's Palace. There was Feaſting and Triumphs the Space of ſix Weeks after the Wedding, with ſuch Solemnity and Sumptuouſneſs, as had never been ſeen in *Cyprus* before. And among many other rich Gifts that were preſented to the young Princes, at the Feaſt, *Andolocia* for his Part gave a whole Ship full of Malmſey and Muſcadel; ſo that it was as common a Drink with them during the Feaſt as Beer or Ale.

## C H A P. LIII.

*How Andolocia did beſt in Jouſting, whereby he got the praiſe of Women, but Hatred and Envy of certain Lords.*

**A**L L the while that the Feaſt laſted the Lords and Knights practiſed daily Jouſting, and other martial Exerciſes. And he which had quitted himſelf moſt manfully in the Day, at Night in time of Dancing and Revels, the young Queen did openly ſet a Garland on his Head. But *Andolocia* was Crowned with the Garland more than any of them



them Men. At the last it chanced on a time, *Andolucia* had by right deserved the Garland, yet for Honour sake it was given unto the Earl *Theodorus* of *England*, who came over with the Queen, whereof *Andolucia* made small account: but all Men said openly that *Andolucia* had better deserved it. And when this rumour came to *Theodorus* ears, it vexed him greatly, and theretby he conceived inward malice against *Andolucia*. Wherefore he continued a conspiracy with the Earl of *Limose* (who had his House in an Isle not far from *Famagosta*) to put *Andolucia* to shame and reproach, or else to destroy him for envy that he carried the greatest honour of Knightly Manhood so far from them, that no Lord, Knight, nor Squire, might compare with him. Wherefore they appointed at his return towards *Famagista* after the Feast; to set upon him, to slay all his Men, and carry him Prisoner to *Limose*, out of the King's Land, where the Earl had a Castle and that there they would Rack him, that he should by some privy Token send for the most part of it, whereby they should keep a stately Port, and his Pride should be much abated.

## C H A P. LIV.

*How Andolucia after the Feast riding homewards to Famagosta, was taken Prisoner by the two Earls, and all his Men slain.*

**S**O when *Andolucia* after the triumph had taken his leave, and was returning to *Famagosta*, the two Earls having appointed an ambush of Men, they took *Andolucia* Prisoner, slew all his Men, and carried

carried him into the Castle of *Limose*, where he was so straightly kept that he in no wise could come out. Then promised he unto the Keepers a great sum of Money, if they would let him go free but they durst not so do, lest that when he were at liberty he would not keep promise with them; neither durst he tell them of any great sum of Money before hand, lest they should thereby perceive the vertue of his Purse, and so might lose both the Purse and his life also. Soon after came rydings to the the King that *Andolucia's* Men were slain and he himself gone no Man knew whither, neither was it known who had committed that heinous Murder. The two Earls after this wicked fact rode again unto the Court, and behaved themselves as if they knew nothing thereof. When *Ampedo* was told what had chanced to his Brother he requested the King's assistance to lay privy wait throughout his Dominions for *Andolucia*. The King answered, that he was as sorry for him, as himself, and that on condition he could learn whether he was safe and alive, he would spare no Money to look him, though it should cost him half his Kingdom.

## C H A P. LV.

*How Ampedo burned the Wishing-Hat.*

**A**mpedo imagining with himself that his Brother was come into some distress by occasion of his Purse, and that by Racking and Torments he might be forced to confess of the Hat also, whereby he might in like manner come into the like danger; in a great Fury he cast the Hat into the Fire, and stood by it till it was burnt to Ashes.

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And when he could by no means hear what was become of his Brother, he conceived thereby such an inward grief, that for thought he fell sick, and shortly after died. The King had caused Proclamation to be made, that whosoever could bring word whither *Andolucia* were dead or alive, he should have a thousand Ducats in ready Money, but no tidings could be heard of him. Then the Earl of *Limose* took his leave of the King, and departed home to his Castle, where he found *Andolucia* in a dark Dungeon. When *Andolucia* saw him he was glad, beseeching him to be merciful unto him, and to deliver him out of Prison; for (said he) I know not whose Prisoner I am, neither for what cause I am thus straightly penned up, if I have done wrong to any Man, I will recompence it either with Body or Goods. The Earl said *Andolucia*, thou art not brought hither to be delivered again, thou art my Prisoner, and before thou depart thou shalt tell me how and from whence thou hast so much Money, to maintain such a sumptuous and Princely Port, as thou hast so long time done; or else I will torment thee, that thou shalt be glad to shew it. When *Andolucia* heard those cruel and threatening Words, he was exceedingly afraid, but said on a sudden: My Father when he died shewed me of a Privy which is in our House at *Famagosta*; wherein I should find more Money than I was able to spend during my life; and if it please you to carry me as a Prisoner thither, I will shew you the experience thereof. The Earl would not be perswaded that this was the truth, but took him out of the Stocks and racked him grievously, which he awhile endured, but at the length he was so bitterly tormented

mented that he might no longer refrain, but shew-  
 ed plainly the vertue of the Purse. When the Earl  
 heard of that, he took the Purse of him, and by  
 trial finding his saying to be true, caused *Andolucia*  
 to be again set in the Stocks, and committed him  
 to one whom he trust-d. The Earl than paid his  
 Debts, stored his Castle with Victuals and Furni-  
 ture, and rode forth with to his Companion the  
 Earl *Theodorus*, who rejoiced at his coming to the  
 Court. And when they had communied together  
 concerning the Purse the Earl had gotten of *Ando-*  
*lucia* by racking; there was no small triumphing  
 between them on either part. But *Theodorus* liked  
 not that *Andolucia* was left alive; for (said he) I  
 hear it reported in the Court, that he is a Doctor  
 in Negromancy, and can fly in the Air; therefore  
 it is to be feared that he will by some means escape  
 whereby we may both come into Danger of Death.  
 But the Earl said, he lieth so fast and sure in Pri-  
 son, that I warrant you he cannot come forth. Then  
 went they together and took out as much Money as  
 they list, and were both alike desirous to have the  
 Purse; but to eschew all controversie, they agreed  
 that one should have it one half Year, and the  
 other should have it another half; and that who so  
 had the Purse should not suffer the other to want,  
 or remain in danger; and forasmuch as the Count  
 of *Limose* was the Elder he should first enj y.  
 The two Elders having now Money at will, yet  
 were they circumspect, and durst not seem very  
 liberal or wasteful, for fear of Suspicion. But  
*Theodorus* could not be yet satisfied, as long as *An-*  
*dolucia* was alive, for dread lest they should again  
 lose the Purse. Besides that he purposed when he  
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had the possession of the Purse, to go so far with it that he would be safe both from the King and the Earl of *Limose*. And therefore he entreated of the Earl that he might have his Letters, and one of his Men to set *Andolucia* in Prison, which the Earl granted. Then took the Lord *Theodorus* his leave of the King, and said, he would travel to see the pleasant commodity of his Dominion. Then rode he straight to the Prison to *Andolucia*, whose Legs were rotted with the Stocks and Irons, but now he hoped that since they had his Purse, they took no more regard of him, but supposed that the Earl had sent *Theodorus* to let out of Prison.

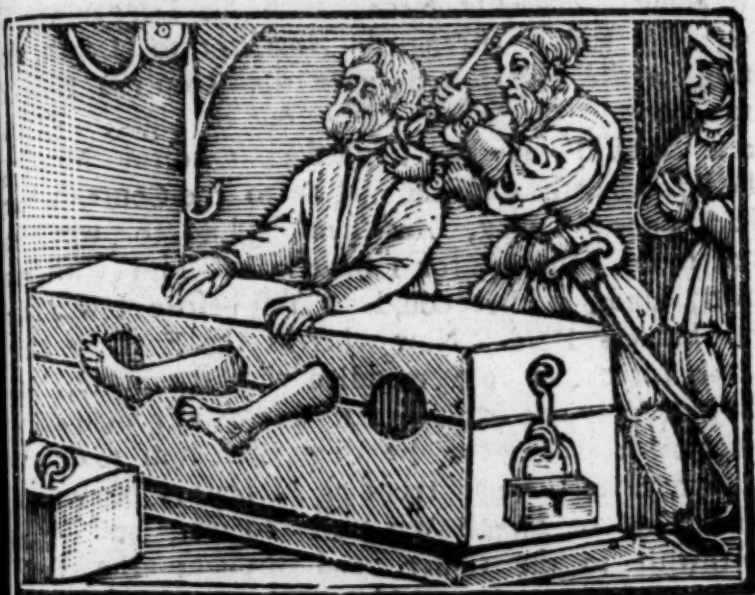
## C H A P. LVI.

*How Andolucia when his Purse was gone, was also murdered himself in Prison.*

**B**UT the Earl *Theodorus* said unto him, tell me *Andolucia*, hast thou any more such Purse, as thou hast given to the Earl of *Limose*, if thou hast the like bestow it on me, and I will presently let thee go free: He answered, Gracious Lord, so God help me, I have no more, but if I had, it were at your commandment. Then said *Theodorus*, it is reported that thou art skilful in Negromancy and can fly in the Air; why dost thou not now practise thy cunning to deliver thee from hence: He said my good Lord, I neither have nor never had any pleasure in that Art; but have only had my pleasure with the Purse which ye have, the same will I freely give to you and the Earl of *Limose*, before God and the World, and will never make claim to it again, if you will for the honour of



of God, but only deliver me poor wretched Man  
out of this Prison, lest I die here miserably.



*Theodorus* said, canst thou now submit thy self :  
Why wast thou not so lowly, when With such pride  
and presumption thou didst advance thy self before  
the King and the Queen to dishonour us all : Where  
are all the fair Ladies whom thou didst so well  
please, and which gave thee all the praise ; try now  
if any of them may help thee, but since thou dost  
so fore long to be out of Prison, I will soon de-  
liver thee from thy sorrow. Then offered he 500  
Ducats unto the Keeper to strangle *Andolucia*, but  
he would not do it, saying, He is an honest Man,  
and very feeble, so that he must needs, e'er it be  
long, die of himself, but I surely will not commit  
such a heinous Sin. Then said *Theoderus*, Give me  
a Halter, and I will strangle him : But the Keeper  
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would not in any Case help him. Then took he his Girdle that was about his Middle, and casting it about *Andolocia* Neck, with his Dagger writhed in it and so strangled *Andolocia* to Death, sitting in the Stocks, and gave the Keeper a Reward to convey the dead Body out of Sight. When this cruel Tyrant had finished this horrid Murder, he incontinently departed again to the Court, where had done; saying, *Andolocia* is like to work us no more Mischief, for I have killed him with my own Hands, neither could I rest before I was sure that he was Dead. Now whereas the Earl in four Dayes space had not meddled with the purse, and the half Year was expir'd that *Theodorus's* turn came to enjoy it as long as, he demanded him to deliver it, and take as much spending Money as he would. The Earl of *Limose* was well content, and went forthwith to the Coffer, and brought the Purse casting it upon the Table. *Theodorus* took it in his Hand, and would have coined out some Money, but there was none to be felt neither would the Purse yield any more Fruit. Then looked they one on the other, not knowing that *Ampedo* and *Andolocia* were both Dead, the Purse had lost his Vertue. Then Earl *Theodorus* said angrily. Thou false and deceitful Man, thinkest thou so fondly to deceive me, by delivering unto me this simple Purse that is not worth a Groat, instead of that precious Purse, wherof we had so much Money? Fetch me therefore that which I now ought to have. He answer'd it is in good Faith the same Purse that I took from *Andolocia*, neither have I any other: But how it comes to Pass that it yeildeth

Yieldeth not as it did before, I know not. *Theodorus* would not be pacified with this Answer; but was far more angry, and said he would be reveng'd on him whatever befel, and therewith drawing his Rapier, struck at him. The Earl of *Limose* having no other Defence, ran within him, and stopp'd his hands as soon as he might, whereby they made such a noise, that their Men being in the next Chamber, brake up the Doors and parted them. Howbeit the Earl of *Limose* was wounded, therefore his Men laid hold of *Theodorus*. When Tydings came to the King, that the two Earls, which were Great Friends, had fought in a Chamber, and one almost slain the other, he commanded both to be brought before him, to enquire the Cause of their Debate. But *Theodorus* only was examined, the other being so wounded that he could not come.

## C H A P. LVII.

*Now the two Elders by striving for the Purse were detected of the Murder, and put to Death.*

W H E N the King by strict Examination and grievous Racking, had violently forced *Theodorus* to confess how they had dealt with *Andolucia* he was exceedingly grieved, and being moved with wrathful Displeasure against the Murderers, without longer Deliberation, he gave Judgment that they should be executed with bruising their Bones, upon Wheels; and that if the Earl of *Limose* was sick, he should be carried to the Place of Execution, and if he was dead, that his Carcass notwithstanding should be set on the Wheel; which was executed on the two Earls as the King had commanded.

ed. Then sent the King also certain Officers to the Castle of *Limose* to seize upon all the Goods and Lands of the Earl, willed also that as many Men and Women as were in the Castle, consenting to the Murder, or that had concealed the same, should be hanged out upon the Castle-Walls without any Mercy. And whereas they had Knowledge that the Body of *Andolucia* was cast into the Ditch by the Castle, they caused it to be taken up, and carried it to *Famagosta*, where it was honourably buried in the Chauntry Church, which his Father had founded, for whom the King and Queen, and the Prince and Princess mourned, as if he had been of their near Lineage. And forasmuch as neither *Ampedo* nor *Andolucia* had any Heirs left behind them, the King took the costly Palace into his own Possession, where in he found so much Goods, and ready Coin, such sumptuous Household Stuff, and so precious and costly Jewels, that it might rather seem the Palace of some mighty Emperor, than of a Subject. In the same Palace the young King and Queen held their Court, until his Father departed out of this Life; and then began they to reign and govern the whole Realm of *Cyprus*.



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